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## June CPI jumps 1.1%

By DAVID HARRIS

The June consumer price index increased by a far higher-than-expected 1.1 percent, the Central Bureau of Statistics announced yesterday.

The CPI rose 5% in the first half of the year, suggesting 1997 inflation will approach the government's upper limit of 10%, but economists now believe the annual figure will go into double figures.

"This is what you might call a dollar index," said Bureau spokesman David Neumann, commenting on the shekel's June devaluation after the Bank of Israel changed the exchange rate mechanism.

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## Australian delegation decides to stay

By BATSHEVA TSUR

The Australian Maccabiah contingent has decided to stay on for the games, despite the death of two of its members.

Twenty-eight Australian and Austrian sportsmen injured in the Maccabiah bridge collapse are receiving treatment in four hospitals, with seven in serious condition.

The decision was taken following a meeting with President Ezer Weizman, who urged them to remain, participate "and win as many medals as possible."

Team organizer Harry Purcell said no one would be forced to stay.

"We prefer them to stay," he said on Israel Radio, "but any individual team that wants to leave can go."

"We'll do our best," said contingent member Louis Levy. "We must do this for Israel and the Jewish community."

Meanwhile, the two Australians who died were identified as Gregory Small, 36, and Yetty Bennett, 50, both of Sydney. Small, a member of the men's lawn bowling team, was pronounced dead immediately after the bridge collapsed. His wife, Susani, who was also in the delegation, was released from the hospital yesterday with a broken leg. They have three children under the age of nine.



Gregory Small (Israel Sun)



Yetty Bennett (Israel Sun)

Bennett succumbed to her injuries during the night, after having been revived by the rescuers who pulled her from the Yarkon River in critical condition.

Bennett, who was a widow, left three children aged 15 to 22. She had been a section manager for the men's lawn bowls team. Because of the difference in time zones, news of her death reached her youngest daughter while she was at school.

A memorial ceremony for the dead was held last night in Maccabiah.

Weizman yesterday justified the decision to continue with the opening of the games and the artistic program. During a press conference at Kfar Hamaccabiah, he said: "We knew there were 50-60 casualties, but not that there were deaths."

"No minister participated in the decisions," he added, saying that they were made by the organizers themselves.

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# Engineer: I approved 100 person limit

By RAINE MARCUS and Ilim

The engineer who planned and approved the bridge which collapsed during the opening of the 15th Maccabiah Games Monday night, causing the death of two Australians and dozens of injuries, said yesterday that he told the games organizers quite clearly that no more than 100 people should be allowed on the bridge at any given time.

Dr. Micha Bar-Ilan was questioned by police for several hours yesterday. Police said there was no suspicion of foul play.

Bar-Ilan told Channel 2 that he planned and approved the bridge in line with the criteria he had been given - a pedestrian walkway over the Yarkon River intended for games participants, with a maximum permissible weight of 250 kilograms per square meter.

"I demanded, and those who commissioned the bridge agreed, that someone would stand by the

bridge and not permit more than 100 people to cross at one time," he said in the interview with Channel 2.

Internal Security Minister Avigdor Kahalani said he knew of no such demand, but stressed the matter would be investigated.

Separate investigations - one by the Police and the other, a public inquiry initiated by the Education Ministry - are underway to probe the reasons for the tragedy.

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Competitors from the 370-member Australian delegation were crossing the bridge over the murky river on Monday evening to march into Ramat Gan Stadium for the official opening of the games when the metal and wood structure buck-

led. They slid into the water below, often crushing each other.

"On behalf of the government, the citizens of Israel, and myself, I wish to express our profound sorrow at the tragic accident," Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu wrote in a condolence message to his Australian counterpart, John Howard.

"Although it may be of little comfort to the bereaved families, be assured that we are conducting a thorough investigation of this disaster," Netanyahu wrote in the message, which was released by his office.

The police inquiry is focusing on possible criminal negligence. The public inquiry will investigate the planning, organization, and implementation of the subjects pertaining to safety in the Ramat Gan Stadium, and will focus on the reasons that brought about the bridge collapse.

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## UN expected to condemn Har Homa

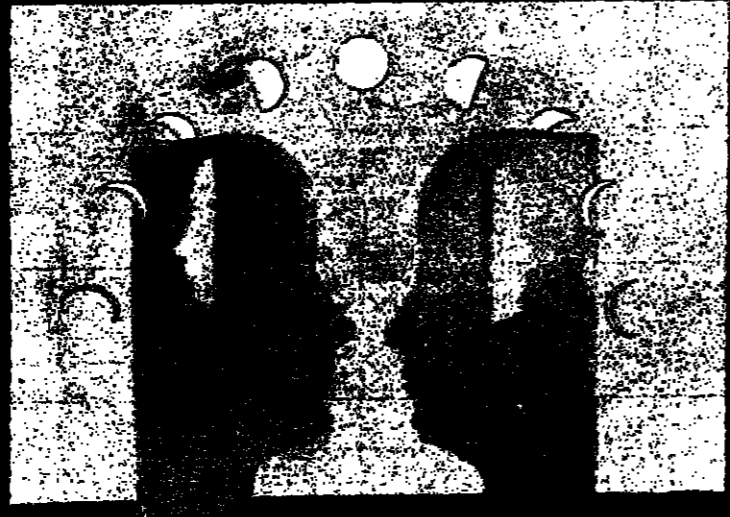
By MARILYN HENRY

NEW YORK - The UN General Assembly, meeting in a special emergency session last night, was expected to pass a resolution condemning Israel for refusing to halt construction at Har Homa.

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# Knesset observes minute of silence for victims

By LIAT COLLINS

The Knesset started yesterday's plenum session with a minute of silence in memory of the two people who died in Monday's tragedy at the opening of the Maccabiah Games in Ramat Gan. The plenum is scheduled to hear several urgent motions on the subject today. Representatives of the Australian team have been invited, although they are not expected to visit until next week.

Knesset Speaker Dan Tichon said: "The Knesset bows in memory of our guests from Australia — Gregory Small and Yetty Bennett — who perished in the terrible disaster of the collapsed bridge at the beginning of the 15th Maccabiah..."

"The Maccabiah for us is not just a sporting event. It is a gathering of Jewish youth from

around the world. In its short history, we have seen many participants return to us as immigrants.

"The wonderful event opening the Jewish Olympics turned into a shocking sight. The joy at this great display was struck down. The sorrow is great."

Tichon said the disaster raised several questions regarding who approved the bridge, and why its strength had not been checked.

"I have no doubt that a committee of inquiry will investigate the circumstances of this event, but the lives which were cut down cannot be brought back," he said.

Tichon praised the rescuers who jumped into the murky river. He finished by saying: "The Maccabiah must go on despite the sorrow, grief and loss."

Although more than half the

House turned up for the minute of silence — a far larger presence than is usual at the start of a plenum session — the government's seats were empty. Only Immigration and Absorption Minister Yuli Edelstein was present.

He entered the plenum too late to reach his seat for the moment of solidarity, and stood to attention at the entrance.

Tichon yesterday sent letters of condolence in the name of the Knesset and Israeli people to the Speaker of the Australian House of Representatives, Bob Halverson; the president of the Zionist Federation of Australia, Ron Weiser and the president of the Executive Council of Australian Jewry, Dianne Steinman.

MK Dalia Itzik, head of Labor's response team, charged that Prime Minister Binyamin

Netanyahu bolted the Maccabiah disaster Monday night and then lied about having had something to do with shortening the ceremony.

"Bibi bolted," said Itzik. She noted that after checking the facts, she learned that the prime minister was not involved in giving an order to shorten the opening ceremony, in contrast to statements issued by his aides.

"Bibi ran away to avoid making a decision. The president of the state stayed and so did the mayor. Both of them testify that the prime minister did not assume responsibility," Itzik said.

Netanyahu told Itim yesterday that as soon as he learned of the scope of the tragedy, he left the stadium and requested that the ceremony be canceled.

Michal Yudelman contributed to this report.



Bianka Katz, a member of the Australian team injured in Monday's opening ceremonies, is comforted by a friend while talking yesterday to her mother in Australia. (AP)

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The police probe, headed by Tel Aviv's Dan district Supt. Amiram Amor, is expected to take two weeks. The police will then decide, together with the attorney-general, whether there is sufficient evidence to recommend indictments against any of those responsible.

Following construction of the bridge, on June 20, Bar-Ilan informed the police licensing and safety division that the bridge complied with all criteria to carry persons. He stated the bridge could withstand 250 kilograms per square meter.

Based on this, the police issued the relevant permits.

Yesterday police began investigating all those involved in the bridge's construction, but put a blackout on specific details. Evidence from eyewitnesses indicated that the bridge may have

been shaky even before its use Monday evening.

In addition to Bar-Ilan, police began questioning the managers and employees of the construction company which erected the bridge, Ben-Ezer Caragula.

The public inquiry committee has been appointed by Deputy Education Minister Moshe Peled. It is headed by former IDF chief engineer Brig-Gen. (res.) Yishai Dotan and includes Dr. Moni Ben-Bassat, head of the Technion's National Institute for Building Research, police representatives, a member of the Maccabiah organizing committee, and an architect. Among the questions the committee will address is why a private company was selected for the bridge construction over the IDF, which had been asked by the organizers to submit a proposal for the bridge.

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## IN CONTEXT/HERB KEINON

### The tragedy of improvisation

It is both ironic and frightening that the Arad music festival, marred by a tragedy two years ago that left three people dead and more than 100 injured, was scheduled to open last night, the night after the disaster at the Maccabiah Games.

The irony is obvious. What is so frightening is that two such occurrences, so close together, indicate a deep-seated systemic problem.

Accidents happen. But when they happen seemingly one after the other, at events where extensive thought, preparation, and coordination is expected, it indicates a problem that is deep-rooted. And that is what is so frightening. It is not just a bad bridge at Ramat Gan, or a faulty gate that collapsed at Arad, it is a mentality problem.

"A culture has evolved where laws, rules, and regulations are not respected," said Tel Aviv University sociologist Ephraim Yauchman-Yaar, head of the school's Tami Steinmetz Center for Peace Research. "There are dozens of laws on the books that are simply not enforced."

Yauchman-Yaar said that everywhere you look, you will see examples of attention not being paid to details, to the rules and regulations on the books. But when attention is not paid to the little details, it also will not be paid to big details later.

The disregard for laws, Yauchman-Yaar said, stems from Jewish existence in the Diaspora, where the law often was seen as something hostile, as the tool of the enemy.

"This attitude is deeply rooted," he said.

In addition, he said, the infor-

malty in the country also leads to a degree of laxness.

"Things are arranged informally, by one person who knows someone else. This impacts on the results, which are also often less orderly," he said.

And finally, Yauchman-Yaar said, "people try to save money, and think only of the short term. They don't realize that this will lead to a loss in the long-run."

A good example of this in the everyday realm, he said, is the lack of security precautions around building sites. "While in America, the sites are fenced off, here the contractor puts up a couple boards and says he has done the job," he said.

This mentality, Yauchman-Yaar said, then rolls over to bigger events, with far worse consequences. Yitzhak Galnoor, the former head of the Civil Servants Administration and today a political science professor at Hebrew University, said that the country's underlying mentality problem is a serious inability at team work and long-term planning.

"A senior American official involved in negotiations with Israelis once told me that no one is better than the Israelis at improvising non-conventional solutions. But he also said that when it comes to organized planning, they are very bad," Galnoor said.

"Ninety-five percent of life is organized planning," he added. "Only five percent calls for unconventional solutions."

Galnoor said this lack of teamwork and planning, this extreme individualism, is evident at all societal levels, from the governmental, to the business world, to the military.

"If someone needs tons of flowers in Holland tomorrow, we can get it there. If they need the flowers in a year, we will be unable to do it," he said.

Likewise, he said, Israel is best militarily when attacked, not when initiating. Galnoor, like Yauchman-Yaar, attributed this trait to long years in the exile, where Jews had to hone their survival skills to get by.

"Israeli society," he said, "does not encourage team work, documentation."

"Rather it values the person who will come in at the end with a good idea, and will say, 'Don't worry, rely on me.'"

Avi Kay, an organizational psychologist who for 15 years has worked screening job applicants, said, "One thing that always struck me was how proud, rightly so, Israelis are of their ability to improvise, to make do, to quickly react to situations. But unfortunately it seems this is a necessity because of inadequate planning."

Israelis, Kay said, "are much more flexible in their thinking. This should be praised. The down side is that this is often because they didn't plan well in the first place. It is like coming late to a bus stop, running after the bus, and then boasting how fast you are."

Kay, dean of students at Touro College in Jerusalem, said that "when you talk to people, there is tremendous pride at being able to improvise. There is a feeling that planning is not that important, that we are all smart Jews, and things will work out."

The Maccabiah disaster has shown, again, how tragically mistaken that attitude is.

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"It appears as though people have been putting prices up as a reaction to the high dollar," said economist Ruth Lowenstein, a partner in the economic planning company Sadan Lowenstein Ltd. "There is no justification for this."

The principle increases were in the indexes for housing and household goods, clothing and footwear, health, education, culture and entertainment, and transportation and communications.

Increases in housing prices added 0.2% to the overall June CPI, with the index itself rising 2.4%. Purchasing apartments became 2.5% more expensive, while the cost of rental accommodation rose 2.3%.

Clothing and footwear prices rose 1.3%. The cost of using transport and communications increased 1.3%.

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It was also expected to call on UN members to suspend support for Israeli settlements and bar the import of settlement products.

One day after he was approved by the cabinet as Israel's ambassador to the UN, Dore Gold appeared at the General Assembly.

"Let no member of this assembly delude themselves that this session will in any way advance prospects for peace in our region," he said, appearing before the assembly as a special representative because he has yet to present his credentials. "The remains of resolutions passed in the United Nations over the years have not brought the two sides one inch nearer to resolving their differences."

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Only when he began walking into the stadium did Israel Security Minister Avigdor Kahalani inform him someone had died, he said, adding he then "agreed to open the games, but said I would leave after the singing of HaTikvah."

Responding to a question about allegations that the Australians themselves had caused the bridge to collapse, Weizman said it was a technical fault which had nothing to do with the contingent's behavior.

Israel's image in the world will not be damaged because of this, he said, in response to another question.

"The problem with Israel's image is the Palestinian problem, the question of Hebron. One bridge collapsing, as terrible as that is, will not affect the country's image."

The Panel of Airline Representatives in Israel mourns the tragic death of

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Correction: The Tel Aviv Performing Arts Center is hosting the Spanish National Ballet and not as advertised in yesterday's Critics' Choice column. See Page 15 for details.

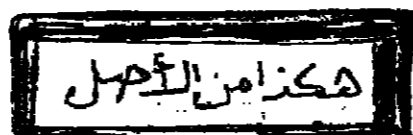
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President Ezer Weizman addresses the grieving Australian delegation to the Maccabiah Games, as they deliberate whether to stay and play despite the tragedy, or return home. (Dan Oren/eyer/Israel Sun)

# Yarkon pollution complicates treatment of injured athletes

By JUDY SEGEL

Twenty-eight Australian and Austrian sportsmen injured in the Maccabiah bridge collapse are receiving treatment in four hospitals, with seven in serious condition. Treatment has been complicated by the fact that the section of Yarkon River into which the bridge collapsed is polluted by minimally treated sewage.

Ichilov Hospital in Tel Aviv has admitted the most victims, with three of 18 in serious condition and the rest lightly injured. Four of the injured are Austrians, while the rest are Australian.

Sheba Hospital at Tel Hashomer has two in serious condition with head injuries and four with moderate injuries in the orthopedics, surgical and burns unit - all of them Australian.

The Rabin Medical Center-Beilinson Campus is treating a 50-year-old Austrian who broke his elbow and a 15-year-old Australian boy who broke his ankle and required surgery.

The Schneider Children's Medical Center for Israel in Petah Tikva is caring for two Australian girls - a 15-year-old tennis player and a 14-year-old swimmer from Sydney, Sherry Silver.

Sherry's mother Lilly, a nurse, was in the stadium with her husband, an art dealer, when the tragedy

occurred.

"Sherry is so dedicated, and wanted to do well in the games," said her mother last night. When Mrs. Silver learned of the tragedy, she was "numb and shocked, because I had heard that many Australians had been injured." But it was only at Schneider Hospital that she saw her daughter, whose condition is improving although she remains heavily sedated.

"Sherry was on the middle of the bridge, and although she is an excellent swimmer, she went into the water. When others piled onto her, she stopped breathing." Help was very quick, however, and someone resuscitated her.

The other six critically injured participants are: Irena Berezina-Feldman, 32, from Sydney, a member of the chess team; Sacha Ellerman, 15, from Sydney, a member of the junior tennis team; Frank Gaensler, 53, from Sydney, a member of the 10-pin bowling team; Harry Goldberg, 63, from Melbourne, a member of the lawn bowls team; Elizabeth Sawicki, 47, from Melbourne, a member of the bridge team; and Warren Zines, 56, from Sydney, a member of the lawn bowls team.

## Weizman pays tribute to mourning Aussies

By BATSHEVA TSUR

A polite ripple of applause and a mass of bleary eyes greeted President Ezer Weizman as he entered the Kfar Hamaccabiah hall where the Australian delegation gathered yesterday at noon to decide whether or not to continue their participation in the games.

Traumatized, grieving and exhausted, the Australians sat silently, often leaning on each other for comfort. Many of the lightly injured, swathed in bandages or support collars, had rejoined the group. They were wearing their white and green team shirts like a badge of honor.

It could go any way, and Weizman was treading gingerly. "This is one of the most difficult days of my adult life - as I am sure it is for you," Weizman opened. "I have come here to be with you and listen to you," he said simply.

"Nothing can be the same after what happened," he continued. "I can only suggest that you carry on, with all the difficulties." A teenage boy, his eyes red and puffy, let the tears stream down his cheeks unabashedly. Head tilted back, her injured foot up on a stool, a woman wept inaudibly. A counselor stroked the hair of a young girl whose face was buried in her shoulder.

There was noise from behind the rope where a large number of media representatives had gathered. Weizman asked for silence. "We don't want the press here. We want privacy," a man shouted out from the crowd. "It's not decent."

Weizman began telling the gathering of his childhood memories of the first Maccabiah, in 1932.

"It was a great thrill for us, in Palestine, to see young Jewish sportsmen from all over the world coming here," he said. "They waved the Jewish flag, which later became our national flag. I don't recall if there were Australians."

"Take them out," another man shouted, referring to the media. "They have no sensitivity." It looked like tempers could flare.

The president turned unusually quietly to the press: "Please wait outside for me. I'll give you all the time you need." The Australians rose to their feet and most clapped heartily as the media trooped out.

The president spoke of the War of Liberation. Israel had lost 1%

of its entire population, he said. Some of the young boys gasped. "This is a country filled with tensions," Weizman continued. "Yesterday we wanted to see something that would bring pleasure to you and all of us." He decided to tackle head-on the controversial issue of continuing with the artistic ceremony. He invited reactions.

"There are no excuses. It was a tough decision and perhaps you would like to criticize it. Please do so, if you want. My instinct said 'stop it,' but then I thought of the 50,000 people in the stadium."

It was time to mention his hospital visits. Turning to an injured competitor, sitting in a stiff collar, Weizman said: "How are you feeling? We shook hands last night." To another, he said: "You are an Australian-Australian. I was surprised to hear how many South African-Australians there are in the delegation. You are in the carpet business, right?" People were relaxing. Some laughed.

Weizman spoke of Israel's development, of his pride in the aliya of the past few years. It was time to make his main point.

"I suggest we carry on," he said. "If you think it's too difficult (to continue participating), please say so. To carry on - and especially to win a few medals - is the best thing. I know it's easy for me to recommend this to you." The delegation rose to its feet, applauding.

"When we make our decision, we must remember the youngsters in the delegation," a man called from the back of the hall. "For them, it's the realization of a dream. To stop now would be wrong."

Two strapping young men, Philip Sacks, captain of the men's bowling team, and vice captain Daniel Zalkman asked for the microphone.

"We've lost two members of our team and one is in critical condition," Zalkman began. "The rest are also wounded. We have four team members who could compete." Tension was rife.

"In memory of our dead comrades, We have decided to stay here and to compete. We shall be thinking of Yehy Bennett and Greg Small."

"For four years, Greg spoke of coming here. He dreamt of the moment when we would walk into the stadium. We will win medals for them," Zalkman said.

And the gathering rose and sang Hatikva.

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# Defiant ETA threatens second Spanish politician

MADRID (Reuters) - Basque separatist guerrillas have threatened to kill a second low-ranking politician from Spain's ruling party days after assassinating a young town councillor and sparking massive protests, an official said yesterday.

The new threat, against another Basque town councillor, came in defiance of government vows to crush the rebel group ETA, which kidnapped 29-year-old Miguel Angel Blanco last week and shot him twice in the head on Saturday.

"It's true that a new threat against a member of the PP [Popular Party] has appeared," Angel Acebes, general coordinator of Prime Minister Jose Maria Aznar's party, told reporters yesterday.

"We will reinforce all security measures," he added.

Spanish newspapers said Prime Minister Jose Maria Aznar, who survived a failed ETA attack in 1995, remained a chief target of the group. But Acebes would not confirm the report.

Blanco's killing was met with outrage across Spain against ETA and its political wing Herri Batasuna. More than two million demonstrators took to the streets across the country on Monday night, and thousands mounted new protests in several cities yesterday.

While Blanco was being laid to rest in his home town of Ermaou on Monday, graffiti appeared on a wall outside the home of another town councillor in nearby Renteria with the threat "You will be next."

local authorities said.

The official, 63-year-old Jose Luis Caso, is a low-ranking member of the Popular Party, like Blanco.

Acebes confirmed a Basque town councillor had received threats but he did not identify the official. He was speaking after a meeting of the party's executive committee with Aznar.

El Pais cited unnamed court sources as saying Jose Antonio Ortega Lara, a former ETA hostage, had told a judge on Monday that Aznar remained a prime target of the rebels. In his declaration, Ortega Lara said his ETA handlers had told him they would try to kill Aznar again, according to the newspaper.

Earlier, Interior Minister Jaime

Mayor Oreja vowed to crush the rebels.

"The government will do everything within its means to end terrorism," he declared.

ETA's political arm Herri Batasuna said in a statement that government attempts to isolate it could escalate the group's long-running conflict with the state.

Blanco's killing marked a turning point in the Spanish attitude toward the guerrillas, Basques, who once whispered their opposition to ETA in private, are now screaming it in public.

Analysts said ETA's political influence was waning after the attack and the rebel group could answer the government's pledge to isolate them with more violence.

Spaniards have grown increas-

ingly incensed over ETA attacks, which have accelerated since the beginning of the year.

The chilling kidnap and execution of a death sentence against an ordinary person like Blanco - an unpaid politician who played in a band and had plans to marry - cut to the heart of Spanish society.

While most of the protests have been peaceful, the public backlash against ETA erupted in sporadic violence overnight in the Basque country.

ETA guerrillas abducted Blanco on Thursday and threatened to execute him in 48 hours unless 500 rebel inmates were moved to prisons in the autonomous Basque region. The government refused and rebels shot him just after the deadline passed.

## NEWS

in brief

### Fashion designer Versace shot to death

MIAMI BEACH, Florida (AP) - Gianni Versace, whose flamboyant fashions adorned celebrities and socialites from Rome to Hollywood, was fatally shot in the head yesterday at point-blank range outside his South Beach villa. He was 50.

The multimillionaire Italian designer was walking back from the nearby News Cafe, where he picked up an Italian newspaper around 7 a.m., waiter Michael Kistingbury said.

Witnesses described the shooter as a white man in his mid-20s dressed in a white shirt and gray shorts and having a backpack.

Police said he walked away after the shooting. There was no sign of robbery.

"I believed that he was targeted," Police Chief Richard Barreto said. The FBI said it is assisting local and state police in the investigation.

### Algeria sentences 24 militants to death

PARIS (Reuters) - An Algerian court has condemned 24 Moslem militants to death for their involvement in guerrilla activities against the Algerian state, the official Algerian news agency APS said yesterday.

The militants were among 127 people standing trial before the criminal court in Medea, 70 km. south of Algiers, APS said. The trials took place between June 14 and July 14.

The court sentenced one person to life in jail and eight others for 20 years' imprisonment, said APS. The court also condemned an unspecified number of other defendants to up to 15 years and acquitted others, said APS without giving more details.

The Algerian government has been locked in conflict with radical Moslem fundamentalists since 1992, when the authorities cancelled a general election in which Islamists took a huge lead. About 60,000 people have been killed since then. More than 1,000 fundamentalist activists have been sentenced to death since 1993, when Algerian courts started trying militants for rebellion activities.

### Milosevic becomes Yugoslav president

BELGRADE (Reuters) - Serbian President Slobodan Milosevic was elected president of Yugoslavia yesterday by the federal parliament.

Milosevic moved to the new office because the Serbian constitution prevented him from seeking the Serbian presidency for a third time.

### Lithuania war crime case stalled indefinitely

VILNIUS, Lithuania (Reuters) - The case against an alleged Lithuanian war criminal has been delayed indefinitely by the 90-year-old man's failing health, officials said yesterday.

Alexandras Lileikis is accused of playing a key role in the Holocaust in Nazi-occupied Lithuania where he headed the Vilnius branch of the security police. He returned to Lithuania after a US court revoked his American citizenship last year.

Medical officials say he is too ill to go ahead with the case, although a formal indictment for genocide has been prepared.

Lithuania has been criticized by Nazi-hunters for failing to bring alleged war criminals to trial, although several now live in the Baltic state, five of whom returned there after their US citizenship was revoked.

## EU announces six new prospective members

STRASBOURG, France (AP) - The European Union head office yesterday named Poland, Hungary, the Czech Republic, Slovenia, Estonia and Cyprus as the frontrunner countries to join to the 15-nation bloc in the next few years.

Ten countries from eastern Europe were hoping to be invited to start membership talks early next year, but just five joined Cyprus on the Commission's shortlist.

Missing out on the first round of nominations were Slovakia, Romania, Bulgaria, Latvia and Lithuania.

The Commission will encourage those countries to continue with their economic and political reforms, in order to prepare them for EU membership at a later time.

The Commission's ruling will carry much clout when the EU government leaders meet at a summit in December to make a final decision on the first round of candidates. Membership talks are expected to last several years.



Protests against pig leaflet continue

A stick-wielding Moslem shouts on a street in Dhaka, Bangladesh, during a countrywide general strike yesterday. Radical Islamic groups called the strike to protest against the leaflet distributed in Hebron which depicted Mohammed as a pig. The United News of Bangladesh news agency said at least 100 persons were injured in clashes between the police and protesters in Dhaka, Chittagong, and Khulna, and 247 detained.

(Reuters)

## Kenya police, students clash for second day

NAIROBI, Kenya (AP) - Rioting students clashed with police in downtown Nairobi for a second straight day yesterday, damaging cars and tearing down road signs. No injuries were reported.

Students from Kenya Polytechnic University confronted anti-riot police outside the High Court building where 14 of their colleagues were scheduled to appear in connection with Monday's violence.

On Monday, students burned cars, threw stones, and brought traffic to a halt along Haile Selassie Avenue to protest the deaths of two fellow students killed by police during last week's pro-democracy rallies.

The students and seven others were killed July 7 when police opened fire and clubbed demonstrators to prevent them from holding rallies to demand constitutional, legal, and administrative reforms ahead of this year's elections.

The High Court building is three blocks from the Polytechnic campus, which the authorities ordered closed after Monday's riots.

But clashes erupted again early yesterday when some students walked out of the campus, stoning passing vehicles.

Police used clubs to disperse them, but the students gathered outside the High Court building and again engaged police before they were dispersed.

There were no reports of casualties and the city returned to normal later in the day.

Demands for constitutional reforms in this east African nation have been gathering strength since President Daniel Arap Moi announced in April that elections would be held later this year. A date has not been set.

Opposition politicians, clergy, and human rights groups object to laws they say favor Moi and his ruling Kenya African National Union party and want them scrapped before the election. The laws, dating from British colonial rule, restrict freedom of assembly and allow for detention without trial.

Those calling for reform say the laws are used only against the opposition.

The European Union, United States and Japan - Kenya's biggest donors - all have condemned police violence and called for the government to open dialogue with the opposition on reforms.

## Northern Irish talks resume under cloud

BELFAST (Reuters) - The British government yesterday defended its renewed contacts with the IRA's political wing, Sinn Fein, as peace talks resumed following one of the most troubled weeks in Northern Ireland's calendar.

British Prime Minister Tony Blair said a month ago he was severing official contacts with Sinn Fein because of the deaths of two policemen in an IRA daylight ambush.

But Northern Ireland Secretary Mo Mowlam acknowledged on Monday that officials had been in touch with Sinn Fein after the group sought clarification of the requirements for its admission to peace talks, angering Protestant Unionists.

Aides to Blair, fighting to keep the peace talks on track, played down the contacts yesterday.

"The sort of contacts which appear to be causing concern are no different from the sort of contacts which went on under the previous government. If the phone rings, people pick it up... it would be wrong to overstate the significance of the contacts," said a senior aide in London.

But the row has left a cloud over the peace talks, which resumed yesterday with preliminary discussions before moving on to a plenary session on today.

Blair has set a timetable of next May for the talks which began one year ago, to draw up a blueprint for a political settlement. But so far there has been scant progress.

Unionists want an explanation from Mowlam for the contacts, which they say amount to negotiation and which break pledges by Mowlam to parliament that links had been severed.

David Trimble, leader of the pro-British Ulster Unionist Party, the biggest in the province, said: "It would now be appropriate for the secretary of state to come to the House [of Commons] and to explain why she misled the House."

Five days ago the pro-British Orange Order eased Catholic anger by deciding not to route four of its marches through Catholic areas on its most cherished anniversary.

Catholics had threatened to hold mass counter demonstrations after an eruption of violence following an Orange Order parade down the Catholic Garvaghy Road area of Portadown nine days ago.

But hopes the concession would bring an equivalent gesture from nationalists were dashed yesterday when arsonists gutted an Orange Order hall near the town of Pomeroy, 80 kilometers west of Belfast.

"It was petrol-bombed and gutted. The only things that were not destroyed were the Lodge's bible and the Union Flag," William Bingham, the Orange Order chaplain, told the BBC.

"The Orange Order has made a tremendous gesture over recent weeks. It has been greeted with derision by [Irish] republicans and nationalists," he complained.

The big stumbling block at peace talks is the question of how to get guerrillas to surrender their arms, the issue which the IRA says is preventing it from calling a new cease-fire.

Sinn Fein and the IRA say arms surrender should be the last item on the agenda, talking at a British proposal that groups surrender their weapons as the talks progress.

Unionists fear that Sinn Fein will get to the negotiations without handing in a single weapon because of British determination to make the talks involve all sides.

The unionists have long been suspicious that Britain, seeing Northern Ireland as an expensive burden, wants to dilute its sovereignty or hand it over to the Irish republic.

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## Holocaust survivor sues German companies for back wages

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) - David Fishel always had kept silent about the Holocaust.

Memories of covering himself with dead bodies so he could survive and watching doomed Jews fling themselves on electric fences were too painful.

He was just 11 when he was forced to work for the Nazi war machine more than 50 years ago.

Now at 67, Fishel is demanding to be paid for his labor. He is suing the descendants of German wartime companies, including chemical companies BASF, Hoechst and Bayer, steelmaker Krupp, and industrial giant

Daimler-Benz.

He is seeking unspecified back wages and punitive damages.

"The companies benefited all those years from my slave labor. I never got paid a penny for it. My blood went into it. Am I asking too much to get back pay, whatever it is?" he said.

The companies have retained Iowa attorneys and are asking US District Judge Ronald Longstaff to dismiss the suit on grounds of jurisdiction and statute of limitations. No court dates have been set.

The German government has given reparations to some Holocaust survivors for many years, but Fishel's US lawsuit against the companies themselves is unique, according to his attorney, Craig Rogers.

"It's my impression that none of the reparations are based on back wages," he said. "They're for loss of education, loss of family, loss of freedom. On the other hand, these companies benefited from these people working there. They should pay for it. It's a simple concept."

William Marks, a Washington lawyer whose entire practice is representing Holocaust survivors, said he also did not know of any

## Clinton to Serbs: Don't attack NATO troops

WASHINGTON (AP) - President Bill Clinton said yesterday he is worried that Bosnian Serbs may retaliate against NATO troops, but warned: "It would be a grave mistake to do so."

Two recent explosions that apparently targeted international groups in Bosnia are suspected to be the work of Bosnian Serbs angry that NATO forces have begun rounding up war crime suspects.

Opening a White House meeting with Republican and Democratic congressional leaders, Clinton said the Dayton peace accords signed by Serbs clearly stated that NATO troops could arrest war crimes suspects.

"They have clearly not complied with that provision of the Dayton agreements - in terms that they have made no effort to help us get any of those people," Clinton said. "They have no call to take retaliatory action and it would be a grave mistake to do so."

He did not elaborate.

Asked if he was afraid of retaliatory action, Clinton said, "I'm concerned about it. Of course I am."

Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, sitting to Clinton's left, said he recently had visited Bosnia and agreed that the Serbs had violated the Dayton peace accords that ended the war in Bosnia in 1995. The president nodded approvingly at Lott.

Tensions mounted in Bosnia Monday, when the Hague tribunal set to investigate crimes during the war in former Yugoslavia sentenced Dusan Tadic, a Bosnian Serb, to 20 years in jail for atrocities in prison camps in Prijedor, northern Bosnia.

NATO conducted its first raids on war crimes suspects last week, shooting one man to death and arresting several others.

The operations began as Clinton was in Europe for a NATO summit in Madrid, Spain. House Speaker Newt Gingrich, attending the White House budget meeting with Lott and Clinton, told Clinton "you served the country very ably last week."

## O.J.'s mansion sold to bank at auction

NORWALK, Calif. (Reuters) - O.J. Simpson's luxury mansion was sold off at a bargain auction price of \$2.6 million on Monday, but the families of Simpson's slain ex-wife and her friend will not see any of the money.

Patrick Dobies placed the winning bid on behalf of Hawthorne Savings and Loan, which owns the mortgage on the property. He handed over certified checks in the amount of \$2,631,259 to the auctioneer after the two-minute public sale on the steps of the courthouse here.

Asked by reporters why the bank bought a property it already owned, he said it would sell the house for a profit.

At the public auction in suburban Norwalk, bidding began at \$1,875,000. The final bid was \$100,000 more than the amount owed the bank by Simpson, who had defaulted on his mortgage payments.

However, the proceeds will not go toward satisfying the \$33.5m. damage award against the ex-football star for the wrongful death of his ex-wife and her friend. The bank has first claim to the money, followed by Simpson's lawyers, who are still owed a considerable amount from Simpson's trials.

Simpson was not present at the auction, and it was not immediately known how soon he would have to vacate the house he has lived in for 20 years.

The June 1994 killings took place at Nicole Brown Simpson's condominium, but police found a trail of blood spots at the Rockingham estate 3.2 km. away and a bloody glove that matched one found at the murder scene.

The 560-sq.-meter house, which Simpson bought in 1977, has five bedrooms, six bathrooms, a tennis court, a waterfall, an Olympic-sized swimming pool and a guest house once occupied by Kato Kaelin, an important witness in Simpson's criminal trial.

According to court documents, the property had been appraised at between \$4-6m.



# Queen of hearts

### Married couples gathered in London for a chance to shake hands with the queen and celebrate half a century of matrimony.

Buckingham Palace opened its gates yesterday for a unique garden party, celebrating not the achievements of the great and good but the triumph of true love over adversity.

Four thousand couples who married in 1947 and stayed that way were invited to join Queen Elizabeth and Prince Philip in a mass celebration of 50 years of marriage.

The Buckingham Palace garden party is one of the highlights of events marking the queen's 50th wedding anniversary, reflecting a gone but not quite forgotten golden era when the British royals were the nation's first family.

"It's going to be a great day. It's going to be a big experience just to see the palace itself," said retired postman Joe Slann the day before the event. He and his wife Edna were to join Queen Elizabeth II and Prince Philip for the festivities and celebration.

"People get married more than once nowadays, sometimes two or three times, so they never get to have a 50th wedding anniversary. They just have 10 years here and 10 years there," he added sadly.

Tickets, allotted by ballot after advertisements appeared in newspapers around the world, were 10 times oversubscribed for the tea-and-strawberries event on the lush lawns of Buckingham Palace.

Garden parties have been held since the 1860s.

The three that take place in London every summer are normally attended by about 8,000 people, many from government, the civil service and the armed forces. An individual may not apply.



Elizabeth and Philip rode to Westminster Abbey in 1947 in a glass coach. This week they celebrated their 50th anniversary - and matrimony itself - in a giant garden party.

This time, married couples traveled to London from all over the world for the length and breadth of Great Britain, as well as from many former Commonwealth countries, for a chance to shake hands with the queen and reminisce about the days when men and women kept their vows to

love, honor and obey "until death do us part."

According to official statistics, only 10 percent of couples who married in Britain in 1947 have divorced.

Of those married in the 1990s, 10% are expected to split up in the first five years and 41% by 50 years.

About 40 couples traveled to London from Canada, and a similar number from Australia and New Zealand.

All the participants have had to pay their own travel costs and accommodation.

"They are absolutely excited," said a spokeswoman for the Canadian High Commission in London.

"They are a delightful group. Some are former servicemen who moved to Canada."

Only about 10% of the guests were likely to get a chance to speak to the queen on what is normally a formal occasion marked by hats and gloves for ladies and morning dress for gentlemen.

Few of the couples who arrived for the occasion celebrated their wedding in the grand style of the then Princess Elizabeth and Prince Philip, who rode to Westminster Abbey on November 20, 1947, in a glass coach for a glittering ceremony that belied the austerity of the immediate postwar years.

Crowds slept all night on the streets then, just as they did for the 1981 wedding of the queen's son Prince Charles to Princess Diana.

That marriage's bitter collapse 15 years later buried with it much of the nation's respect for the monarchy.

The queen's remaining three children have also failed to inherit the secret of lasting relationships.

Prince Andrew and Princess Anne divorced and Prince Edward, 33, has yet to marry. Anne has since remarried.

Incurable romantics Bill and Doreen Lewis attended the garden party after celebrating their own golden wedding by revisiting the same church in Devon, southwest England, where they were married at the same time of day as the royal couple.

"They are both special people in every sense of the word," said the Lewis's daughter Sheila. "They are the most loving parents and grandparents, giving each and every one of us more love and care than can be imagined." (Reuters)

### GRAPEVINE



The Netanyahu family may soon be a family of five. (David Rubinger)

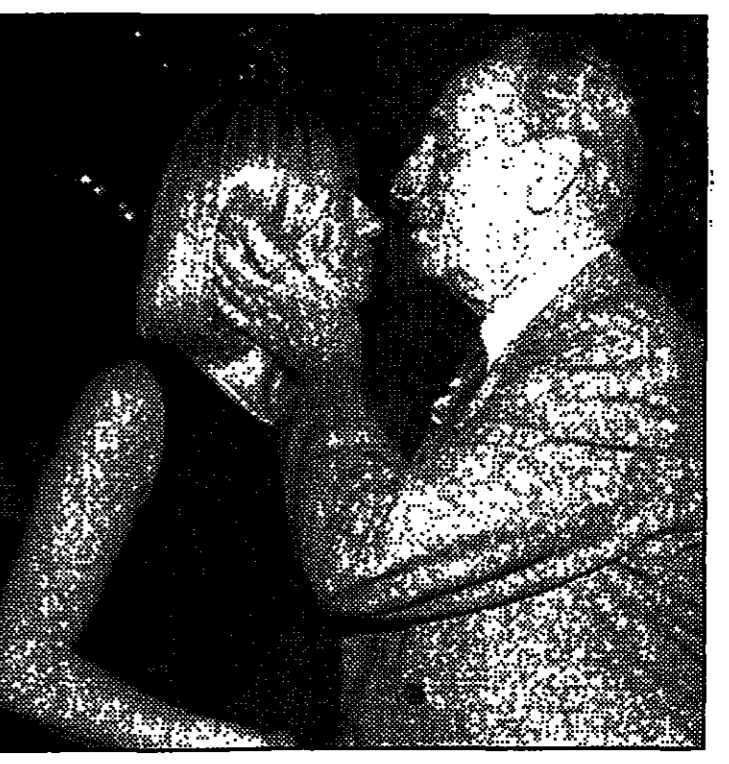
## Another Netanyahu?

By GREER FAY CASHMAN

Sara Netanyahu, is pregnant with a third child, according to the weekly tabloid *Yerushalayim*. She reportedly is due to give birth in early November, which would make Benjamin Netanyahu the first prime minister of Israel to have a child while in office.

CONGRATULATING Finance Minister Ya'acov Ne'eman on his new appointment, Adrian Becker, president of Jerusalem's Hovevei Zion congregation, noted that Ne'eman was not the synagogue's first congregant to serve as finance minister. One of his predecessors was Moshe Nissim.

THE fact that he's no longer chairman of the Labor Party has



Shimon Peres greets ITV reporter Ayala Hasson. (Sivan Farag)

in no way harmed Shimon Peres's social standing. He's still on the guest list of all the most beautiful people.

Photographer Silvan Farag caught him kissing controversial electronic media reporter Ayala Hasson at the glittering Gan Oranim wedding of Micha Lichtenstein and Peri Biton. The groom is the son of Avigdor and Jacqueline Lichtenstein, who style the hair of the rich and famous.

Among the guests were entertainers Aviv Gefen and Tzipi Shavit, top models Shirli Ben-Mordechai, Lilach Simon, Ravi Yarkoni and Ravi Assaf, former police chief Ya'acov Turner, Ltz Harari of the Eisenberg legacy imbroglio, and oodles of other celebrities.

PERES was at Gan Oranim again for the wedding of Hapoel Lod soccer player Ofir Regev to Revital Sorel.

The groom's father, Benny Regev, is the mayor of Lod, which m a y account for the huge number of guests - about 1,500 altogether. Other political figures at the Sorel-Regev affair included Labor and Social Affairs Minister Eli Yishai, along with MKs Aryeh Deri, Rafi Eilat and Michael Kleiner.

FOR his role as president of the US in the upcoming movie, *Air Force One*, Harrison Ford received the princely sum of \$20 million, which happens to be 100 times what Clinton gets in his annual salary as the real live president of the US.



Bill Clinton (Oran) and Harrison Ford as the US president

WILL Bill Clinton choose a film career after he concludes his presidential term? He could do worse.

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### PARENTING

## An alternative view of television

By RUTH MASON

Last week, two academics in the field of communications dealt with a mother's question, about the impact of excessive television watching on her daughters.

They referred to research on the effect of the content of television programs on young viewers.

Elisha Avshalom, a teacher of Waldorf education at the David Yellin Teachers' Seminary, has this to say about the process of watching TV and its effects on the developing child:

When thinking about TV and children, it's important to consider factors beyond program content. The content is actually the most superficial part of TV; there are much deeper considerations.

When a child watches TV, he receives ready-made stimulation. When a child reads a book or is told a story, he has to use his imagination to create the images he hears or reads about. But when he watches TV, his imagination lies dormant. This passivity is comfortable and it's easy to see why it is appealing to a child.

But if a child is exposed to a lot of TV, over time he becomes passive in his ability to "see" things internally.

This is an observable phenomenon with the children in our Waldorf nurseries and kindergartens.

We see a great difference in the creative and imaginative capabilities of children who watch a lot of TV and those who watch little or none at all. The older the child, the less the damage.

If you observe a young child, say at the age of three, you'll notice that she is constantly in motion. Passivity at that age is not a natural state of affairs. Unless she is in front of a TV, you will never see a three-year-old looking in one direction for a half hour.

A young child is not only physically but also mentally active, and this enables her to develop in as healthy a way as possible.

Too much TV watching limits the possibility of this necessary activity.

On a deeper level, TV brings about a distortion in children's sense of space and time. A successful television program keeps the viewer stimulated and engaged.

If the program shows someone leaving the house, there is no time lapse before he arrives at his destination; we don't see the 15 minutes during which nothing much external happens.

In real life things aren't like that.

Children who are heavy television watchers get used to this nonstop activity. They begin to look for constant action in life, too.

You notice that your daughters feel tense after watching TV. You may also notice that younger children may get cranky after an hour or two of TV-watching.

This is because when the TV

goes off, the viewers suddenly fall back into "regular" time, which is far less externally stimulating and interesting. This is also why you might notice more of a tendency toward aggression and hyperactivity in heavy TV watchers.

The same principle applies to space.

In normal life, our eyes are constantly in motion. The eyeball moves from side to side and the pupil dilates and contracts with variations in light. This is a natural state of affairs. TV changes and limits the motion of the eye.

The amount of light and the size of what we're looking at remain constant. With excessive watching, the eyes tend to become passive.

Some adults suffer from lazy eye if they watched a lot of TV as children.

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# AIDS is killing fewer Americans

By LAWRENCE K. ALTMAN

WASHINGTON — AIDS deaths continue to decline in the United States, and the trend is expected to go on, federal health officials said this week.

The number of deaths dropped 19 percent, to 30,700 from 37,900, in the first nine months of 1996, compared with the same period of 1995.

Among women, the number of deaths dropped for the first time.

The overall decline was attributed to greater access to medical care and to development of newer drug therapies for both the AIDS virus and for the myriad of opportunistic infections that can occur as fatal complications of AIDS, itself a potentially fatal disease.

Worldwide, AIDS cases and AIDS deaths are on the increase, and experts have said that the combination drug therapies that have helped reduce deaths in the US are unlikely to have a similar impact in the regions of Africa and Asia where the disease is growing.

The cost and difficulty of administering the therapies are barriers to their effective use in poor countries.

The decline in the US began before the first protease-inhibitor drug was marketed in December 1995, said Dr. Helene Gayle, who heads the AIDS programs of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, in Atlanta.

Dr. Gayle and advocates for people with AIDS said they were heartened by the good news, particularly because some public-health officials had suggested that improvements reported earlier by New York City and the CDC were due to incomplete reporting or statistical quirks.

"We have entered a new era in the HIV epidemic, both in terms of treatment and prevention," Dr. Gayle said at

a news conference.

The number of people living with AIDS has increased 10% since mid-1995, Dr. Gayle said. But she and speakers from the AIDS Action Council, a Washington-based national advocacy organization that says it represents 1,400 AIDS service organizations, expressed deep concern about the disproportionate rates of decline in AIDS deaths among men, women and minority groups.

Deaths of women decreased by 7%, compared with the 22% decline in deaths among men. Yet, in the first six months, deaths among women had risen 3%. No explanation for the reversal was given. Of all AIDS cases now, 80% are in men and 20% are in women.

While the number of deaths dropped 28% for whites, the drop was 10% for blacks and 16% for Hispanics.

In reporting data for the first six months of 1996, health officials earlier announced a 13% drop in the number of deaths.

Over the longer period, the decrease grew to 19%.

Dr. Gayle said that her federal agency would analyze AIDS case reports to try to determine what proportion of the improved death rates was due to older and newer combinations of drugs to combat HIV and opportunistic infections.

The four marketed protease-inhibitor drugs are vastly improving the condition of many people with the human immunodeficiency virus, which causes AIDS. But the drugs have not worked for many other people, either because they cannot adhere to the rigid schedules required for such therapy or because the therapy has failed them.

"Thus far, we do not think that the full effect of protease inhibitors has

kicked in, in this country because of low use among many groups, particularly the poor, Dr. Gayle said. "We hope that with more and more people getting protease inhibitors, we may see an even greater effect on the death rate."

However, Dr. Gayle and the AIDS Action Council warned that the gaps would widen if the newer drug therapies were not made available to more people with HIV. A government-appointed panel of AIDS experts recommended last month that combination anti-HIV therapy be offered to infected individuals.

A survey conducted by AIDS Project Los Angeles found that knowledge about such drug therapy was low among blacks and non-English-speaking people with HIV, and that access to protease inhibitors was limited among many uninsured and poorly educated groups.

One reason behind the optimism expressed this week is that the incidence of new AIDS cases has slowed dramatically in recent years.

The increase in AIDS cases was 2% in 1995, the latest year for which data are available, a large drop from the increase of 85% per year in the mid-1980s. Dr. Gayle said that if the trend continued as expected, the incidence of AIDS cases could drop for the first time when the data for 1996 are fully analyzed and reported later this year.

"New AIDS cases are now increasing most rapidly among women, particularly minorities," Dr. Gayle said, and "heterosexual transmission is the fastest growing mode of transmission." However, it takes several years for HIV infection to develop into AIDS. And at least 40,000 new HIV infections are occurring each year, Dr. Gayle said.

(New York Times)



A decade after this AIDS patient was treated in New York, the US may be stemming the spread of HIV. (Brian Heffler)

## A token farewell for the two-fare commuter

By NEIL MACFARQUHAR

NEW YORK — Tens of thousands of New Yorkers altered their lifetime commuting patterns last week, jettisoning their subway tokens in exchange for the rectangular plastic Metrocards that put virtually the entire city within the reach of one \$1.50 fare.

Given that the Metropolitan Transportation Authority introduced the system of free transfers on the Fourth of July holiday, Monday's commute was considered the true test. Officials braced for long lines at the subway booths, but it appeared that the advertising blitz had convinced most riders to buy cards ahead of time.

At major bus-to-subway transfer points in the Big Apple like Flushing in Brooklyn, Main Street in Queens, and 149th Street in the Bronx, there were the usual Monday morning lines of up to 20 commuters waiting to buy their fares. What was different was the scene at the turnstiles. Hundreds of transit employees were deployed to smooth the way for riders finding their inaugural passage with the Metrocard about as easy as learning a new dance.

Eva Chie, a transit employee stationed at the 149th Street-Grand Concourse station in the Bronx, came up with her own mantra that she chanted as many new users did their version of what might be called the Metrocard Twist. Riders would put the card through the machine too fast, too slowly or with the magnetic strip facing the wrong way. When they tried to pass anyway, they would get a painful clang in the thighs, and then twist around to find out what went wrong.

"Don't slide, swipe," Ms. Chie sang out repeatedly, raising the success rate significantly. She would swipe the cards herself for those who could not get the choreography down.

The new Metrocards should mean about \$750 in annual savings for the estimated 350,000 commuters in the Bronx, Queens, and Brooklyn who used to pay two fares when they switched between buses and the subway or sometimes between buses. Transfers within a two-hour period are now free with Metrocards, but not with tokens. Metrocard purchases have surged as a result.

Officials said it appeared that 50 percent of the fares sold over the weekend were Metrocard sales. Before the free transfers, about 30% of the MTA's riders, or 1.6 million a day, were using Metrocards, officials said.

"This is the card that sells itself," said Christopher Boylan, the authority's deputy executive director. "It looks like it is going to be a tremendous success." At the 179th

Street Station in Queens, the last stop for the F train, the clerks usually collect 12,000 tokens after the 6:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. morning rush hour, said Theo Hueston, the authority's field manager. On Monday, they collected just 7,000.

The Straphangers Campaign, the riders advocacy group, said its only reservation about the switch to the cards was the lack of weekly or monthly discounts. The first such discount will not be introduced until January, when the MTA will start selling cards that carry 11 fares for the price of 10.

But the main frustration seemed to come from learning to use the cards. Some riders tried to put them through with the plastic wrappers still on them. Some did not notice that they had used up all the money on their cards. And some boiled over as they watched the train doors slide shut across the platform as they swiped and swiped to no avail.

"This stuff is aggravating me today," said Jackie Johnson, who lives and works in the Bronx but was heading into Manhattan for various errands. She swiped five or six times before getting through, and then missing a train. "All this stuff doesn't help the service. And the train sure isn't going to wait for you."

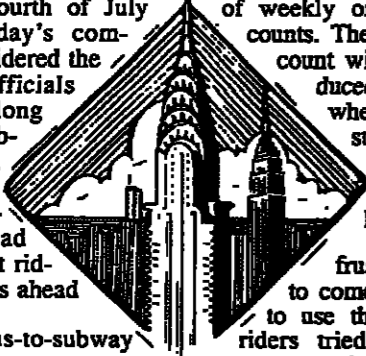
Although the Transit Authority expects millions of people to go back to riding buses, the end of the two-fare zones has apparently not had a significant impact yet on the private van services that zip around Queens.

Also, some riders were giving the MTA a windfall because they did not understand how the transfers work when several passengers use the same card. When riders first enter the bus or the subway, they can run the card through a fare box or turnstile once each for up to four riders. Then, at the transfer point, the card need only be run through once to get all the transfers. Some groups of transferring riders were pushing it through three and four times, losing a fare with each swipe.

Getting money back when things went wrong did not appear easy.

Janice Gresham, a postal worker in Flushing, N.Y., tried to transfer from the subway to a bus at the last stop of the E train at Jamaica Center. Her card had \$16 on it Monday morning, but when she got on the bus to go home it read "Error." An MTA supervisor told her that she had to mail in the card for a refund.

"In the meantime, I have to buy a new card and pay money all over again," Ms. Gresham said. "But I travel in a two-fare zone, so I have no choice." (New York Times)



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# Catchin' the Trane

By DAVID ISAACSON

If there's any such thing as a perfect man, I think John Coltrane was one. And I think that kind of perfection has to come from a greater force than there is here on earth. — Elvin Jones

This accolade from Coltrane's drummer — and it is a comment typical of those who knew Coltrane — might seem strange, given the great sax player's long-standing addiction to heroin, his marital infidelities, remoteness from other people, and, on account of the demands he made of his listeners, a frequently hostile, uncomprehending public and press. So why, 30 years after he died of liver cancer on July 17, 1967, do Coltrane devotees use terms like "genius," "prophet" and "saint" when describing their hero?

Take the album *African Brass* (1961), recently re-released by Impulse and its local distributor Hed Artzi (see box). This is as resonant a testament to universal spirituality as has ever been composed or played. Miles Davis had already made the breathtakingly beautiful impressionist classic *Sketches of Spain*. Coltrane went further; he painted Africa. Coltrane's Africa was not a political place, nor even a physical one, but rather a mystical sense, an atmospheric rhythm, movement around a primal beat or, as the metaphysicians would have it, an idea. It was Coltrane's representation of God's state of mind when He created Africa.

Don't be misled by the album's title: *African Brass* is not a black-roots thing. The album's 10-minute version of the "Greensleeves" attributed to Henry VIII is tender, innocent and as playful as, say, "Chasin' the Trane."

COLTRANE WAS obsessed by music. He took his sax to the dinner table, he fell asleep with it in his mouth, even in that post-gig twilight zone when most jazz musicians would go to great lengths to recover from the show, Coltrane would be practicing, alone in his hotel room. Coltrane became the sax.

Listen to any of his recorded, 15-minute-plus versions of Rodgers & Hammerstein's "My Favorite Things" and you will forget what you're listening to — you'll simply get swept away by the music. It's not surprising that Coltrane was attracted to the song's melody and indeed its sentiment. His biographer John Frait quotes him as saying: "I think the main thing a musician would like to do is to give a picture to the listener of the many wonderful things he knows of and senses in the universe."

Coltrane's virtuosity was such that it would be difficult to imagine a serious sax player who is not

influenced by him. As Davis, who was never exactly lavish in his compliments, says in his autobiography, "Trane was the only player who could play those chords I gave him without them sounding like chords."

Apart from *African Brass*, 1961 was the year of the Davis masterpiece *Someday My Prince Will Come* (featuring Coltrane), on which the understated beauty of the great trumpeter's vision is expressed with even greater clarity than on the more famous *Kind of Blue*. Yet more significantly, it was the year Coltrane completed the lineup of his finest band by bringing in bassist Jimmy Garrison to join pianist McCoy Tyner and Elvin Jones. It was also the year the Impulse label's Bob Thiele decided to record the quartet's performances at New York's Village Vanguard.

In those days, jazz albums were supposed to be a collection of five-minute songs. It was like demanding that a poet condense his sonnet into a load of one-and-a-half liners. Thiele, however, gave Coltrane free rein to express himself, not only in the artificial confines of the studio but in the jazz musician's natural habitat — the gig.

Coltrane was the innovative spirit behind free form, which made him a prophet of a decade as tumultuous aesthetically as it was socially. The Sixties swung after Coltrane's style; he was the godfather of psychedelia, with albums like *Ascension* exploring spaces which would frighten the most intrepid rock hero.

BORN IN 1926 in Hamlet, North Carolina, Coltrane moved to Philadelphia at age 18. During World War II he played with the US Navy Band, after which he joined up with the likes of Eddie Vinson and Dizzy Gillespie.

He joined the Miles Davis Quintet in 1955 and by 1960 he had formed his own quartet. His first wife, Natma, came from an extremely musical family; but he eventually left her for Alice McLeod, who became his band's pianist and his wife.

Significantly, she said that Coltrane married her "not because I was a musician; [he would have wanted] any woman who had the particular attributes or qualities to help him fulfill his life mission as God wanted him to."

The main source of Coltrane's inspiration was indeed his faith in God. "My goal is to live the truly religious life, and express it in my music," he said. "My music is the spiritual expression of what I am — my faith, my knowledge, my being." A devout Moslem, Coltrane's religiosity was clearly not socially or politically motivated.

On the liner notes to the landmark album *A Love Supreme*, he



John Coltrane was so obsessed with music that he would fall asleep with the sax in his mouth.

wrote: "During the year 1957, I experienced, by the grace of God, a spiritual awakening which was to lead me to a richer, fuller, more productive life. At that time in gratitude, I humbly asked to be given the means and privilege to make others happy through music."

I feel this has been granted through His grace. The titles of the album's tracks hint at the musician's spirituality: "Acknowledgment"; "Resolution"; "Pursuance/Psalm." The incantatory, supplicatory rhythms and deeply respectful tone

of *A Love Supreme* were also inspired by the death of Eric Dolphy. The co-creator with Coltrane of so-called anti-jazz (the critic Leonard Feather was particularly scathing), Dolphy died in 1964, leaving Coltrane feeling "touched by God."

## Act on Impulse

The release of 57 titles from the Impulse label, including 13 by John Coltrane, is certainly not at the expense of new talent. Avisar Savir of Hed Artzi, Impulse's local distributor, points to the series' inclusion of many new recordings by the likes of Eric Reed and Donald Harrison. The latter's *Nouveau Swing* is a particularly impressive example of contemporary jazz — mature, accessible and authoritative. There are also new discs by Danilo Perez and Michael Brecker, both of whom have played here.

Furthermore, Savir, whose knowledge and appreciation of jazz is remarkable for a 25-year-old, dreams of discovering a great new local talent. Meanwhile, he says that the brevity of some of the Impulse classics — McCoy Tyner's *Inception* is only just over 30 minutes — is compensated for by their "mid-price" range: NIS 35 to NIS 55. And for those diehards who miss vinyl and big sleeves, Impulse has digitally remastered the classics, and retained the original liner notes in attractive booklets.

## The rise and rise of Bill Clinton

By RUTHIE BLUM

The rise of Bill Clinton is the stuff fairy-tales are made of — particularly of the "American dream" variety. As the Channel 8 biography *Bill Clinton* (Sunday, 9 p.m.) emphasizes, even a boy from a backwa-

ter Arkansas town, raised by working-class grandparents and subsequently by a mother and abusive stepfather, can end up in the Oval Office.

by the many parallels between the subject of this documentary and Israel's own "fairy-tale" prime minister. But there is one major difference: in this TV special, the Republican opposition is put down for having a serious agenda, while the sex and money scandals attached to the country's leader are glossed over (the Whitewater and Travel Office scandals are given scarce mention).



Even a boy from a backwater Arkansas town can end up in the Oval Office.

Even Hillary Clinton's attack on her predecessor, Barbara Bush, for having "stayed home to bake cookies" is given a positive slant, in contrast to the Israeli media's scathing attack on Sara Netanyahu for having made similar statements about her predecessor, Sonia Peres.

Whatever one may think of his politics or his character," says the narrator Jack Perkins at the end of the film, "there is no denying that over the years Bill Clinton has displayed unshakable resolve in realizing his goals, in living his dreams."

After watching this film, one gets the impression that there is nothing one could possibly find offensive about Bill Clinton's character, or for that matter, politics. While this is a somewhat two-dimensional profile of a highly complex man, it is nevertheless informative and enjoyable to watch.



## Iran's movie genius

By MATT REES

Iranian films have been getting rave reviews at film festivals all over the world for the last several years. For Israelis, however, they have been off-limits, one of the long list of victims of the Mad Mullahs and their desire to isolate Israel.

That's changing now, with the showing here of four films by

latest film, *A Moment of Innocence*, at the Toronto Film Festival last year, Azrieli asked the co-producers at MK2 in Paris for the rights to distribute the film here. She fully expected another refusal.

Instead, the reply came that the films would be made available. Perhaps it was because the head of MK2, Marin Karmitz, is Jewish. Still, "I don't know really why they said yes this time," says Azrieli.

Djodai), who tells the story of her forbidden love for a stranger to the tribe. As we view the life of the tribe, we find the making of rugs a mirror for the rhythms of life. The colors of the rugs "are life," as Gabbeh shouts out.

The film's beautiful colors are almost too rich to believe, as layered as the different story lines that run through it. In one stunning scene, Gabbeh's uncle (Abbas Sayah) reaches up out of the shot to point at the sky and when he brings his hand back down into view it is covered in blue paint. He points at the sun and his hand turns yellow.

On August 1, the Tel Aviv Museum will be showing *A Moment of Innocence*, in which Makhmalbaf tackles the political struggles of his youth and their effect on his life and the lives of others.

When he was a youth, Makhmalbaf stabbed a policeman as part of his own struggle against the shah's regime. Makhmalbaf was imprisoned. Years later, the policeman tracked down the director and the two men made a film about the incident from their own different perspectives. The result is a marvelous film that's about both politics and its consequences. The policeman was in love with a girl who passed his post each day. He had intended to give her a flower on the day when he was attacked, but he never saw her after that.

Makhmalbaf's work is not simple cinema, but with his 1995 film *Gabbeh* (showing at the Tel Aviv Museum from Friday) he made an accessible movie that demonstrates his genius. *Gabbeh* sprang from the director's desire to record the life of the nomadic Gashgai tribes in southern Iran and their artistic rugs, which are made with different colors that record the scenery the nomads pass and the things that happen to them. Gabbeh also is the name of the film's main character (played by Shaghayeh



Ring-weaver Gabbeh tells the story of her forbidden love.

Mohsen Makhmalbaf, one of Iran's most interesting and skilled directors. Four of his films are showing at the Jerusalem Film Festival and, during the next few weeks, two of them will be screened at the Tel Aviv Museum of Art.

The films came to our screens through the persistence and luck of Smadar Azrieli, who heads the distribution company SHB Films in Tel Aviv. Azrieli watched recent Iranian films like *The White Balloon* captivate audiences around the world, but she was barred from bringing them to Israel. After seeing Makhmalbaf's

## NEWS of the muse

### Gefen gets the go-ahead

Army Radio will broadcast Aviv Gefen's concert live from the Arad Festival tonight despite attempts to stop it by Moshe Peled, Deputy Minister of Education and Sport. His office released a letter to Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai which requested the minister to "order Army Radio not to broadcast" the performance of an artist who "not only has never worn an army uniform... but has openly defamed service in the IDF, its soldiers and its officers."

Army Radio says that "the performance by Aviv Gefen at Arad is part of a national festival of Hebrew song which is funded by the Education Ministry. We shall broadcast his concert just as we have chosen to broadcast that of others, such as Mati Caspi. These broadcasts pay tribute to the artists' talent."

This is Peled's second attempt to silence Gefen. Earlier he wrote to the heads of the country's youth movements requesting them to boycott the concert because of Gefen's "anti-Israel behavior." The singer currently resides in London. *Helen Kaye*

### English Song Competition

Songwriters and lyricists sharpen their quills. The AACI Southern Region is announcing the second English Song Competition for original songs in English. The finals will be in Beersheba on November 13. Prizes include professional studio recording time, hotel holiday packages, a trophy and more. The deadline for registration is September 9. For info: (07) 623-0688 (Katrina, mornings) or (07) 610-2533 (Robby, evenings). *Helen Kaye*

### Celebrating Choreography

Third-year Ruben Music and Dance Academy student Eynat Zuta won the first Hassia Levy-Agron prize for young choreographers with *This Thing ... and*. The award, worth \$1,000, honors Levy-Agron, a local contemporary dance pioneer who founded the school of dance and who still teaches there. Now in its 19th year, the Gertrude Kraus choreography competition awarded first, second and third prizes to, respectively, Hagit Zargari for *Put on a Little Lipstick and You'll Be Pretty*, Hagit Zitomer for *Me and My Grandmother's Chair*, and Sarit Bendit for *Alone Together*.

Every year thousands of talented youngsters audition for the coveted spots in Matzan's (Arts and Culture Project for Youth) workshops and seminars in the performing and plastic arts run by the Community Centers Association. This year Matzan took 500 of the 2,000 who auditioned in music, dance, theater, writing, the plastic arts and video dance, a new category. Participants will kick off their year's activity in summer camp at Givat Haviva near Hadera. *Helen Kaye*

### In honor of an Auschwitz victim

The Israel Musicological Society last week honored the memory of composer James Simon, who died in Auschwitz in 1944. At the society's annual conference, soprano Gila Yaron, cellist Shmuel Magen and pianist Allan Sternfield performed Simon's *Lament for Cello*, his *Sonata for Violin and Cello* and various songs.

The performance was a collaboration between the Terezin Music Memorial Project and Tel Aviv University Musicological Department, with the assistance of Yad Vashem, The Holocaust Martyrs' and Heroes' Remembrance Authority and the Goethe Institute. Musician and scholar Professor David Bloch organized and introduced the performances. *Michael Aizenstadt*

### ICO in Europe

The Israel Chamber Orchestra is on its way to perform at the Festival Mitei Europa in Germany and the Czech Republic. Philippe Entremont, the ICO's principal conductor, will lead the ICO in works by Mendelssohn, Dvorak, Telemann, Zelenka and Hader. *Michael Aizenstadt*

### Another Odd Couple

Neil Simon, 70, is working on a sequel to *The Odd Couple*, entitled *The Odd Couple II - Travelling Light*. And his new play *Proposals*, about love and relationships set at a summer cottage in the Pocono Mountains, has just premiered in Los Angeles. Simon says that 40 years' experience writing TV, movie and Broadway hits doesn't make his work any easier. "Maybe the first draft you think is easier," he said. "But after you're up to the eighth draft, you think, 'I've got to plug up all these holes.'" *AP*

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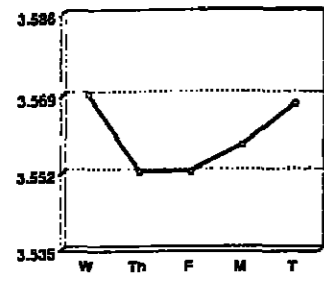
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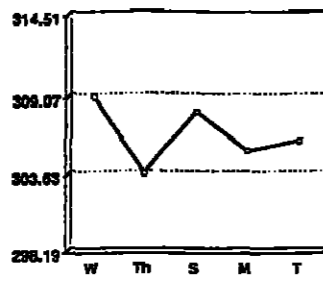
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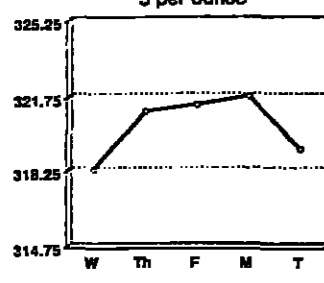
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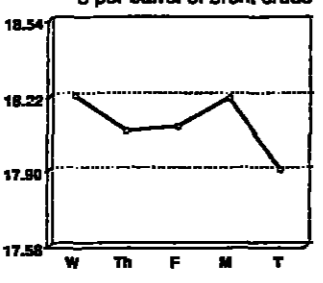
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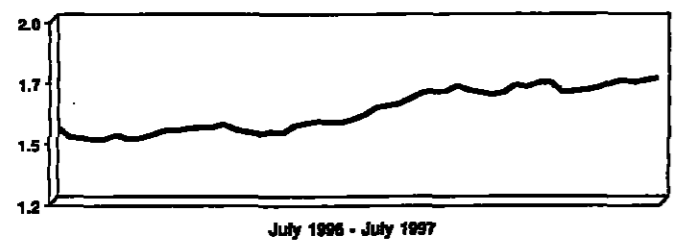
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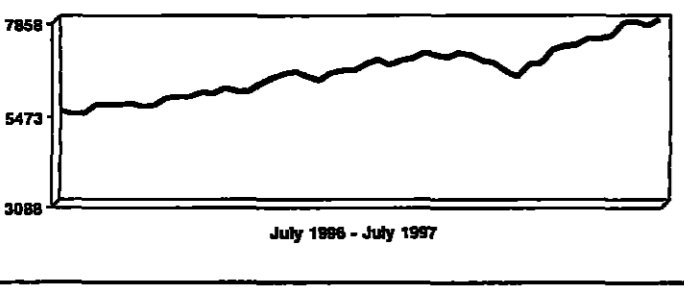
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NIS 600m. budget cut to come before cabinet

By DAVID HARRIS

The additional NIS 600 million budget cut proposed by the Treasury for 1997 will come before the cabinet on Sunday...

According to Treasury spokesman Eli Yosef, the three agreed on the need to reduce the deficit to meet the government's target of 2.8 percent of GDP.

Bank of Israel research head Leo Leiderman has predicted that otherwise, the budget deficit could end the year NIS 2 billion above the target.

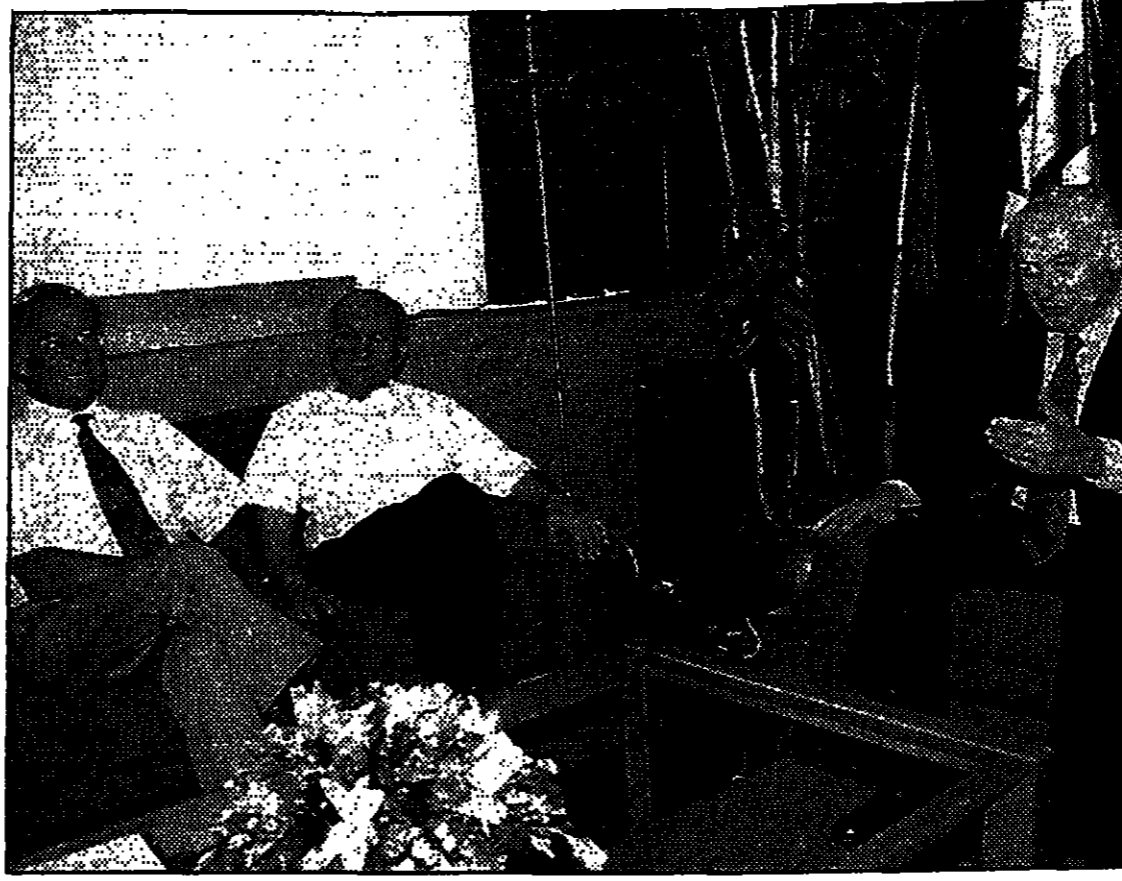
Following the meeting, Yosef refused to confirm the exact amount to be cut, or say where the ax will fall.

While the prime minister is known to favor an across-the-board reduction, some senior Treasury officials would rather choose where the cuts should be made.

Israel Radio yesterday reported that the reduction will be as little as NIS 500m.

Asked about the possibility of using tax hikes to reach the deficit goal, Netanyahu said he was not prepared to hypothesize at this point.

He also denied that the coalition demands he had agreed to before



Bank of Israel Governor Jacob Frenkel (left) and Finance Minister Ya'acov Ne'eman discuss the need to reduce the deficit with Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu yesterday.

the recent round of ministerial changes were as costly as the media claims.

"I was shocked to read of price

tags being put on our own commitments," said Netanyahu.

include the old, the sick and problematic children. The government is already committed to care for all."

TAAS signs outsourcing agreement with EDS

By STEVE RODAN

EDS and TAAS, Israel Military Industries, have signed what the two companies called the largest outsourcing agreement in Israel...

The EDS contract comprises projects for converting the information system running on a mainframe at TAAS's central computer unit...

Under the agreement, EDS is committed to employing 80 percent of the TAAS computer unit staff under conditions identical to those of their current jobs in the government-owned defense company...

"This transaction is the first - and moreover, innovative - step of its kind in Israel and in the defense industries," TAAS director-general Shlomo Milo said.

EDS President Israel Koren said the agreement with TAAS represents a milestone in the field of information systems in Israel.

The company has 9,000 clients in 43 countries.

TAAS issued an outsourcing tender in May 1996 and the final stage decision was reached last August.

Meanwhile, Tadiran Com. Ltd. has won a contract to supply \$5 million worth of military communications equipment to an unnamed army in Asia...

Lior Almogor, Tadiran's vice president for marketing, said the orders constitute the first stage of that Asian country's comprehensive modernization program.

He said in the next three years Tadiran will vie for future orders totalling another \$30m.

Tadiran will be a subcontractor in the contract for the US firm GTE Government Systems in a project to be financed by US military aid.

Almogor said that in the last few years the Asian country in question had suspended procurement of communications equipment and recently started to modernize such systems.

Executives said the military systems to be supplied by Tadiran will comprise multi-channel radio systems which integrate at several command and control levels.

Tadiran Com.'s current volume of orders stands at \$280m.

Livnat: Bezeq must provide refund

By JUDY SIEGEL

Communications Minister Limor Livnat said her ministry would not allow the public to be harmed by their lack of awareness that they were charged high rates for overseas calls via Bezeq International if they had not pre-registered with the company.

In a meeting with reporters, Livnat said the ministry had "draconian measures" that it could apply to Bezeq International (BI) to ensure that it refunded charges during the first few days of competition when customers called 014 or 00 and were charged high rates.

Livnat said the ministry receives daily reports on the volume of overseas phone calls since Barak and Golden Lines began operating last week.

It also knows the relative share of the three companies, but the ministry would not yet release those figures because they were "not necessarily representative."

A Bezeq International spokeswoman said, "We are a public company, and any instructions we receive from the ministry we will

carry out. But we haven't received any instructions yet to reimburse customers." She added that the company will investigate whether it is technically possible to refund phone charges for calls made during the first few days of competition...

A Geocartography Institute poll commissioned by BI found that since overseas dialling opened to competition, 77.9% of callers use BI, 14% Barak and 8.1% Golden Lines.

BI managing director Ori Yogev said he was satisfied with the results, which were almost identical to the company's marketing forecast.

According to an agreement with the Communications Ministry, if BI's share falls below 80%, the company may offer additional discounts and attractive packages to its customers.

IDF gives up frequency in phone deal with gov't

By JUDY SIEGEL

The IDF will evacuate radio frequencies in the 900 megahertz range to make room on the spectrum for a third provider of cellular phone services...

The agreement over frequencies, which also will open other parts of the spectrum for other civilian uses, was reached during the past few days by the Finance, Defense, and Communications Ministries.

The third cellular phone company will be assigned the area code 054.

Representatives from nearly 200 leading telecommunications companies in Israel and abroad took part in the meeting announcing the issue of the tender.

The third supplier is expected to begin the provision of cellular phone service in competition with Pelephone and Cellcom some time in 1998...

board chairman Daniel Roseme said he is not satisfied with the quality of service provided by the two cellular phone services, even though they "meet the terms of their licenses" and have done much to improve over the past year.

Neither the two existing cellular consortia, nor companies that control them, are allowed to participate in the tender.

Some of the businessmen present were not too pleased that the ministry spoke of approving yet another cellular phone service supplier after the third is chosen.

Ministry director-general and ten-

COMPANY RESULTS

Orckit's revenue jumps 153%; losses down

By JENNIFER FRIEDMAN

Orckit Communications Ltd. reported second-quarter net losses of \$236,000, compared to \$845,000 in the corresponding

period one year ago. Revenue exceeded analysts expectations, jumping 153 percent to \$12.9 million from \$5.1m. in the second quarter of 1996.

Orckit develops high-speed modem technology that allows telecommunications providers to offer advanced services.

The Tel Aviv-based company recently announced an agreement to install equipment in 21 Chinese cities, as well as a deal with an undisclosed western European telecommunications operator.

Robomatrix Technologies Ltd., a Ra'anana-based manufacturer of image-processing products, recently reported net losses of \$6.52m. for 1996, a 13% drop over the same period one year ago.

Revenues for the year were down 45% to \$5.65m. compared to \$10.17m. in 1995.



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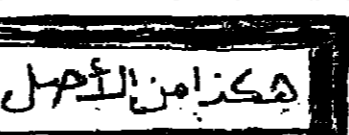
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BEEN HERE In praise of chains

By HAIM SHAPIRO Kurt Ritter may have been born in a little family-owned Swiss hotel, but he believes that the future of the hotel industry lies in the big hotel chains.



Radisson's Kurt Ritter

Ritter was in Israel recently to attend the reopening of the Tel Aviv Radisson Moriah Plaza following major renovations. In 1995, Radisson SAS and Moriah Hotels announced a 20-year franchise agreement for the Israeli chain's seven hotels in Israel.

happy, he says. There is a simple market law: When people invest money, they want a good return. The SAS Radisson group is very flexible with their owners, who own and lease hotels, employ management and have franchise contracts.

Ritter is aware of the fact that the Israeli tourism market is in the midst of a slump, but he has no regrets about the chain having entered Israel when it did. Tourism, he says, is cyclical. No market is forever up or forever down.

PERSONAL FINANCE

Razing the tax shelter

Britain's newly adopted budget threatens various exemption schemes

By NEIL COHEN

I apologize in advance to readers not hailing from the UK as this week's column is rather singularly aimed at Britons and to a lesser extent ex-Britons. It has probably not gone entirely unnoticed that two weeks ago the newly elected Labor government's first budget was passed.

offshore schemes and foreign domiciles' tax exemption. The Revenue says: "The review will range across the whole tax system. An important aspect... will be the identification of situations in which significant amounts of tax are at risk of leaking from the exchequer."



arise for Britons abroad. So if you think you could be affected by changes in UK tax law, I would strongly advise that you seek professional advice as soon as possible.

IN TROUBLE

It pays to be an outgoing exec at Apple

By DENISE CARUSO

'Cleptocracy' is a harsh word, but it is the term that some disgruntled employees have been using to describe the governance of Apple Computer Inc. over the last few years - and especially now, when the company is in a mortal struggle for its existence.

\$3m. and \$4m. to leave Apple, plus the cost of moving to France. Amelio's severance package, it appears, is even more generous. Apple's board of directors, the legal guardians of shareholders' interest, agreed nearly 18 months ago to a contract that allowed Amelio to resign and still receive his full annual salary until his contract ran out at the end of 2000.

that Jobs received as part of the purchase. Jobs made no comment and Apple sidestepped the matter. Asked outright whether Jobs had dumped his stock, Apple's marketing chief, executive vice-president Guernino De Luca, said in a conference call with reporters: "I can only say that the board asked him to strengthen his help to us, and his accepting is a sign he cares about this company."

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ALL TOGETHER NOW - The Australian delegation renews its determination to participate in the 15th Maccabiah following Monday's tragic events.

## Aussies decide to stay

Delegation expresses wish not to miss 'dream of a lifetime'

By JOEL GORDIN

Kfar Maccabiah yesterday resembled the out-patient department of a hospital. Many members of the Australian contingent who came to the Kfar yesterday for a crucial team meeting had their arms and legs in plaster casts, their necks bandaged or hobbled about on crutches. Not all of the nearly-400-strong contingent could make it to the team meeting.

At their meeting, the team decided to stay on and take part in the Maccabiah after they were addressed by President Ezer Weizman.

However, Chef de Mission Louis Platis stressed that each member of the team could reach an individual decision. Earlier, Platis had attended the meeting of the Maccabiah executive and had voted to continue the games after yesterday's day of mourning. Most members of the Australian team agreed with the decision to stay on. To date, there are no reports of any of the team who want to return home, even among those who are injured.

Adam Joseph, a member of the soccer team who severely twisted his neck, said that even if he does not play he is not prepared to end

the "dream of a lifetime." He hopes, however, he will be able to play in two or three days. Many team members admitted that one reason for staying on was the physical distance to Australia and the amount they had paid to take part. The per capita cost for fares and accommodation was \$6,000, although admittedly some sportspeople did receive assistance from the philanthropist Joseph Gurnick.

"If I had been a member of a French or Spanish team, it's possible I would have gone home," said a 24-year-old athlete who broke her leg in the fall from the bridge.

Most of the team members expressed understanding at the decision to continue with the opening ceremony after the bridge collapsed. "If the 45,000 spectators had been told to go home they would have interfered with the rescue work," said one member of the swimming team, repeating one of the main reasons given by the Maccabiah management for not canceling the ceremony. However, some admitted that the decision not to cancel the show was "hard to swallow."

Ronen Yisraeli, an Israeli-born tennis coach in the Australian team, had already crossed the bridge after it collapsed. He

helped pull injured colleagues from the mud up the steep banks. Among the critically injured was one of his tennis team, 15-year-old Sara Elterman who is still fighting for her life in hospital.

After everybody was safe, he entered the stadium to find his wife who had gone as a spectator. He was amazed to see the performers singing and dancing as if nothing had happened. "It was eerie, surrealistic and a bit sick," he recalls.

At yesterday morning's meeting, a number of team members did, apparently, advocate going home, both out of respect to the two dead members and as a sign of protest for what they called a "totally unnecessary and avoidable disaster."

Then President Weizman arrived at the Kfar and the journalists were asked to leave while he met with the team in private. Afterwards, the President held an impromptu press conference. He told the journalists how he had appealed to the Zionist conscience of the team and that he was happy that he had convinced them, to stay. "Nobody opposed my suggestion," he said proudly.

"Throughout the day, a number of Knesset members arrived at the Kfar to show their solidarity with the Australian team.

Truckloads of flowers arrived at the Kfar from well-wishers. A memorial service was held at Modi'in last night where the sportspeople were sworn in (the ceremony had been postponed from Monday night).

For last night's ceremony, all the sportspeople wore black armbands and were asked to wear them during all future sporting events.

Most of the sportspeople from other contingents spent yesterday relaxing or practicing. However the organizers of the sporting department had to work overtime to rearrange the events to make up for the missing day.

The games will not be extended after July 24 and the closing ceremony will be held on schedule. As a result, many of the teams or sportspeople will need to play on successive days, possibly two games in one day.

Games in which Australian teams were scheduled to appear may have to be canceled due to the number of injuries to the players.

"It's an enormous logistical undertaking," said sports organizer Yeruhm Baruch.

Correction: The Indian cricket team, which was disqualified for its first match, protested the decision to the Maccabiah Organizing Committee and not as stated.

## Run on the Wild Side

### Michael Johnson accepts IAAF wild card

DALLAS (AP) - Michael Johnson, happy for the invitation, will be going to the world championships after all.

He received a wild card Monday - as did the other current world champions - from track and field's ruling body for the showcase event next month in Greece.

Johnson, unable to qualify at the US championships because of a leg injury, will defend only his 400-meter title.

"Training is going well and I was hoping this would happen," Johnson said after learning of the unprecedented move by the International Amateur Athletic Federation.

The IAAF is allowing the current world champs to compete even if they failed to qualify for national teams.

"I wouldn't be going unless I was 100 percent healthy," Johnson said. "Now, if I can run a smart race I can't be beat."

Johnson, the 1995 world champion and 1996 Olympic gold medalist in the 200 and 400 meters, will run the 400 but not the 200 in Athens.

"I haven't had enough time to get ready for both races," he said. "There is no reason for me to try to double again." Johnson, who is training in Waco, Texas, under Baylor track coach Clyde Hart, said he would run on a relay if asked.

Johnson also will be a television commentator in Greece. "I'll be moving up to the booth after my race so I can analyze the 100 meters," he said.

He said he was "honored to be treated this way" by the IAAF. "It's in the interests of track and field to have the best athletes in the world competing," IAAF spokesman Giorgio Reineri said.

"Most sports provide their world champions with the opportunity to defend their world titles - snow skiing, ice hockey, soccer - so why shouldn't we? We believe the world champion has the right to defend the title."

The athletes can compete in other events only if they have qualified through their national federation.

Johnson strained his left quadricep during his 150m race against Donovan Bailey on June 1 in Toronto. He has run but once since and lost in the 400m in Paris.



Michael Johnson (Reuters)

"I came back from Paris and jumped into two-a-day training and lifting weights," he said. "I'm feeling very good now. I'm feeling very confident."

Johnson is one of several US world champions who did not qualify for the team at the June national championships.

Don O'Brien, the three-time world champion and Olympic gold medalist in the decathlon, missed the nationals because of a stress fracture of the right leg, while sprinters Gwen Torrance (100m) and Gail Devers (100m hurdles) were also injured.

O'Brien was scheduled to have a bone scan on his right shin yesterday to see if his injury has healed. Torrance was en route to the US from Europe.

The IAAF's decision also means world record-holding triple jumper Jonathan Edwards of Britain will be able to defend his title, even though he could not compete in the British championships.

"We have to continue to help the athletic movement as much as possible," Reineri said. "To have these great athletes competing in Athens will provide great media attention from the US and will build the profile of the sport worldwide."

In addition to the defending champion, each country will still be able to enter three athletes in each event. This change is also a first as the IAAF originally adopted its entry requirements from the International Olympic Committee's requirements for the Olympics.

The change is aimed at allowing countries to excel in the events in which they are strongest.

## Ullrich takes over Tour lead

ARCALIS, Andorra (AP) - German Jan Ullrich made a determined bid up the final mountain to win the 10th stage of the Tour de France yesterday and take over the leader's yellow jersey.

Ullrich won the stage from Luchon, France to Arcalis, Andorra by more than a minute over Marco Pantani of Italy and Richard Virenque. The leg had six major climbs and lasted more than 7 hours, 46 minutes.

On the final mountain to the finish, more than 2,200 meters (7,200 feet) Ullrich made his move. He broke away from a small group and went on to win, leaving behind, among others, his Telekom teammate and last year's winner, Bjarne Riis.

Riis ended up 3:22 behind Ullrich. Now the emphasis will be on Riis's shoulders to work for his teammate instead of Ullrich working for him, as it was since the beginning of the Tour.

Cedric Vasseur of France, who had been in the lead for the last few days, came in almost eight minutes behind and lost the overall lead to Ullrich.

Ullrich now has a 2:38 lead over Virenque. Abraham Olano is third.

The Tour now comes down from the mountains before a rest day tomorrow in St. Etienne and an important time trial there on Friday.

The 23-year-old Ullrich now can be considered the favorite for the Tour that ends in Paris July 27. He was second behind Riis last year and won the last long time trial in last year's Tour beating Miguel Indurain by almost a minute.

Casarelli remembered Less than two hours into the 10th stage, the riders slowed down and came to a stop. They were in front of a monument to Fabio Casarelli, who died two years ago.

Casarelli, the 1992 Olympic road racing champion, failed to negotiate a steep curve during the descent from the Col de Portet d'Aspet in the Pyrenees on July 18, 1995. The 24-year-old Italian rider of the American team Motorola was one of several riders who fell but he was the only one who crashed hard on his head.

Unconscious, he was taken by helicopter to a hospital in Tarbes, where he was pronounced dead 30 minutes later.

Now, a monument to Casarelli is in the place.

- ### Today's Maccabiah schedule
- Athletics Hadar Yosef: from 16:00.
  - Badminton Bet Daut: from 15:00 team competitions (W/M).
  - Basketball (men) Nizzanin: 18:00 Israel-Australia, 20:00 Argentina-Canada; Ma'ale Efraim: 20:00 Bulgaria-Russia; Yehod, Mercaz Hapovot: 18:00 USA-Hungary and 20:00 Britain-Brazil; Kibbutz Hazerim: 20:00 Greece-Turkey.
  - Basketball (women) Ramat Gan, Winter Hall: Hungary-Israel.
  - Ice Hockey Metula, Canada Center: 16:00, Canada-Israel; 19:00 Ukraine-USA.
  - Bowls Rishon LeZion: 18:00 women's singles, 14:00 and 17:00 men's pairs.
  - Beach volleyball - men Netanya Beach: 08:00 Brazil-Israel and US-Canada, 11:00 Venezuela-US and Australia-Brazil, 16:00 Canada-Venezuela and Israel-Australia.
  - Beach volleyball - women Netanya Beach: 17:00 Israel-USA.
  - Bridge Jerusalem Gate Hotel: from 10:00.
  - Judo Ra'anana Lev Hapark: from 14:00.
  - Cable Waterskiing Tel Aviv Sportek Darom: from 09:00 preliminaries in slalom, tricks and jumps and 12:30 finals in slalom, tricks and jumps.
  - Chess Jerusalem Gate Hotel: 15:00 second round.
  - Cricket Ashdod: 10:00 Israel-Britain.
  - Field Hockey - men Hadar Yosef: 09:00 Britain-the Netherlands and 16:00 Israel-South Africa.

- Field hockey - women Hadar Yosef: 07:30 South Africa-USA.
- Karate TA University: from 19:00.
- Golf Caesarea: from 8:00.
- Gymnastics Hadar Yosef: from 14:45.
- Handball Wingate: 20:00 Israel-Argentina.
- Handball Soccer Ness Ziona (Sports Hall): 15:00 Israel-Singapore, 16:30 Argentina-Lavria, 18:00 Belgium-Britain, 19:30 Switzerland-Brazil, 21:00 Canada-Croatia, 22:30 Austria-Russia.
- Nethal Herzliya, Metkif School: 18:00 Argentina-Britain and 19:30 Australia-South Africa.
- Rugby Wingate: 17:00 Canada-South Africa, 18:30 USA-Australia, 20:00 Britain-Argentina, 21:30 France-Israel.
- Soccer Hashikma: 16:30 Israel-Sweden; Nahariya: 17:00 Argentina-Germany; Bat-Yam: 19:00 Mexico-Turkey and 21:00 Britain-Brazil; Herzliya: 19:00 Australia-Venezuela and 21:00 South Africa-Colombia. TA University: 19:30 France-USA; Rishon LeZion: 20:00 The Netherlands-Paraguay.
- Softball Kibbutz Gezer: 12:00 USA-Israel, 15:00 Britain-Panama, 18:00 Canada-Argentina, 21:00 Venezuela-Mexico.
- Squash Herzliya Squash Center: from 08:30.
- Water Polo Wingate: 17:30 Israel-Britain and 19:00 Canada-Brazil.

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## Brescia eye Banin

By ORI LEWIS

National team captain Tal Banin looks set to become the first Israeli to play soccer in Italy after extensive contacts between him and Brescia look to be heading to fruition.

Banin, who did not impress the powers-that-be at Liverpool when he went for a trial there in May, had recently also been linked with city rivals Everton, but Banin failed to turn up for an appointment with the club earlier this week.

Banin, who was also linked to a club in France, flies to Italy tonight. According to the Hapoel Haifa player, Brescia, who are newly promoted to the Italian first division this season, have been eyeing him for some time and are intent on signing him.

The club has teetered between the top and the second division recently and, according to Banin, often sold their best players to bigger clubs, leaving them unable to cope with the pressures of Serie A.

### SCOREBOARD

ENGLISH SOCCER - French winger David Ginola completed an estimated £2 million move from Newcastle to Tottenham yesterday. The London Premier League club announced he had signed a four-year contract.

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# Bosox 21-hit attack routs Tigers



## London Calling

**You can see the Woods for free**

By Mark Rivlin

It's British Open time again - the 126th will be fought out at Troon from tomorrow and you can be sure that there will be hordes of admiring fans squeezing into the galleries and fairways to watch the likes of Tiger Woods, Colin Montgomerie and Greg Norman battling for the £250,000 first prize.

You can't get a more traditional British setting for a sporting event than Troon, with its committee men, like in most courses throughout the country, bedecked in matching ties and blazers. So it was with a certain amount of surprise that the said wide men decreed earlier in the week that anyone under the age of 18 would be admitted free of charge.

Presumably the sages are just getting round to the cold facts of sporting life in this country, one of which shows that fewer kids are taking up golf, preferring for some unknown reason, the joys of football, rugby, even basketball.

David Hill, secretary of the championship committee, said earlier in the week that the response had been terrific, with over 12,000 youngsters expected to make the trip to see the stars. And this year, the fans, young and old, have an extra dimension in the shape of Woods who will be playing his first Open here as a professional.

fans of the game? According to a revealing article in Sunday's Observer, darts is "sexy and glamorous" and is moving away from the pub image which characterized it since it first hit the screens in 1973.

Britain's favorite player is still Eric Bristow, the Crafty Cockney, who, despite slumping to 14 in the world rankings, manages to pull in the crowds for exhibition games. Astonishingly, he told the Observer reporter that many players had stopped smoking and drinking and were keeping in trim by going to the gym.

It seems that Darts is attracting a wide range of aficionados, from middle class viewers in Britain to China where Sky has signed a three-year deal.

Over at Channel 4, there were rumblings after the terrestrial company hired Andy Norman as consultant to its athletics coverage. Norman was the former promotions officer of British athletics who was fired three years ago after the suicide of the Sunday Telegraph journalist Cliff Temple. At the time, there were allegations that Norman had accused Temple of sexual impropriety against athletes. Channel 4 have recently taken over as the sport's exclusive broadcasters in Britain.

IT WAS tales of the Leyton Orient on Saturday as the local club from the Third Division hosted the first of a summer double-header against Premiership neighbors Arsenal and Spurs.

Nearly 13,000 turned up at Brisbane Road to see some of the new Highbury foreign stars including the French duo of Gilles Grimandi and Emmanuel Petit, along with Portuguese Luis Boamonte. But it was one of the Gunners' few Englishmen left, Paul Shaw, who got the winner.

An excellent documentary was shown by Channel 4 in the week highlighted the struggle for young talented players to make the grade as the cameras followed the Chelsea youth team through a season.

Coach Graham Rix, the former Arsenal and England midfielder, came across as the friendly schoolmaster who wanted to help all his boys make the grade. The one player to receive a contract was Jodie Morris, who has since made his mark on the first team - for the rest it was out into the big world searching for work and supplementing their income in non-league football.

FINALLY TO cricket, and the first domestic trophy of the season went to Surrey who easily overcame Kent in the Benson and Hedges one-day final at Lord's. Man-of-the-match was 19-year-old all-rounder Ben Hollis who whose impressive 98 was the cornerstone of the eight-wicket victory score of 215 for 2.

Gold Award adjudicator Mike Atherton summed up the one-sided nature of the day when he said he could not think of a Kent player to mention as a possible candidate against Hollis.

loaded, two-run double with one out in the bottom of the ninth inning off beleaguered Texas closer John Wetteland, giving Anaheim its season-high seventh straight victory.

**Mariners 6, Athletics 2**  
Rich Amaral and Jay Buhner hit rich-inning homers and Bob Wolcott pitched seven strong innings as host Oakland fell to its fifth straight loss.

Amaral hit his first homer of the year on the fourth pitch of the game from Steve Wojciechowski (0-1), making his first major league appearance of the season. Buhner hit a two-run homer, his 24th, two out later.

Oakland's Mark McGwire, who leads the majors with 31 homers, went 1-for-4, and is 2-for-15 since the All-Star break.

Seattle's Ken Griffey Jr. was 2-for-5, ending an 0-for-17 drought. He has 30 homers.

**NATIONAL LEAGUE**  
**Pirates 5, Mets 4**  
Pittsburgh pulled off the comeback this time, rallying three times before Jason Kendall's RBI double in the eighth inning gave them

BOSTON (AP) - Wilfredo Cordero homered as the Boston Red Sox banged out a season-high 21 hits Monday night and routed the Detroit Tigers 18-4.

Cordero was cheered when he hit a two-run homer in the five-run seventh. Cordero, accused of assaulting his wife June 11, had been booted on each of his previous 14 at-bats since he ended 11 games on the sidelines with a pinch-hit appearance last Thursday.

Boston, which scored its most runs since getting 22 at Kansas City in April 1994, had a season-high eight doubles and scored in six of the first seven innings.

Jeff Suppan (3-0) struck out a career-high eight, allowing four runs and four hits in six innings. Kevin Jarvis (0-1) gave up seven runs - five earned - and nine hits in 4 1/2 innings.

**Orioles 9, Blue Jays 5**  
Host Baltimore snapped a six-game losing streak, scoring six runs in the seventh.

Brady Anderson, BJ Surhoff and Geronimo Berroa homered for the Orioles, who had been winless since July 4. Baltimore had lost 10 of 15, beginning with four straight at home against Toronto.

Carlos Garcia and Carlos Delgado homered for the Blue Jays, who had won three straight and were bidding to reach .500 for the first time since June 1.

Terry Mathews (2-1) pitched 1 1/2 innings in relief of Scott Kamieniecki. Robert Person (3-6) was the loser.

**Indians 3, Yankees 2**  
Marquis Grissom homered on an 0-2 pitch from Mariano Rivera (2-3) with one out in the top of the 10th inning.

Grissom had three hits and Matt Williams homered and tripled for the Indians, who won their fourth straight.

**Twins 5, White Sox 3**  
Ron Coomer hit a go-ahead double in the sixth as host Minnesota overcame Albert Belle's 20th homer.

With the score 3-1 in the sixth, Scott Stahowiak and Coomer hit consecutive doubles that chased Doug Drabek (6-7), who allowed four runs and six hits in 5 1/2 innings.

**Royals 2, Brewers 1**  
Kansas City stopped its longest losing streak at 12 when Scott Cooper singled home the winning run in the bottom of the 14th.

Doug Jones (3-4) hit Mike Macfarlane with a pitch with one out in the 14th and Johnny Damon advanced Macfarlane to second with a single. Cooper then singled up the middle through the legs of shortstop Jose Valentin.

**Angels 6, Rangers 5**  
Dave Hollins hit a bases-



**COLLISION** - Angels' Tim Salmon (r) knocks the ball out of Rangers' Ivan Rodriguez's glove to score in second-inning action. Anaheim won 6-5.

winning run in the bottom of the 12th inning with his third hit of the game as Florida rallied from a four-run deficit to beat Montreal. Bobby Bonilla hit a two-run homer off Jeff Juden in the sixth to make it 4-2, and Mark Kotsay and Eisenreich tied it in the seventh with RBI groundouts off Dave Veres.

**AMERICAN LEAGUE**  
**BATTING** - T Thomas, Chicago, .379; AAlomar, Cleveland, .263; Justice, Cleveland, .346; I Rodriguez, Texas, .339; M Vaughn, Boston, .335; EMartinez, Seattle, .335; W Clark, Texas, .332.  
**RUNNERS** - Knoblauch, Minnesota, 71; EMartinez, Seattle, 69; Griffey Jr, Seattle, 67; Garcia, Boston, 66; Durham, Chicago, 64; Greer, Texas, 64; F Thomas, Chicago, 64.  
**RBI** - Griffey Jr, Seattle, 85; T Martinez, New York, 82; To Clark, Detroit, 75; F Thomas, Chicago, 75; Belle, Chicago, 75; J Gonzalez, Texas, 74; McGwire, Oakland, 71.  
**HITS** - I Rodriguez, Texas, 129; Garcia, Boston, 113; G Anderson, Anaheim, 111; Greer, Texas, 110; EMartinez, Seattle, 110; Jeter, New York, 107; F Thomas, Chicago, 107; Coors, Seattle, 107.  
**HOME RUNS** - McGwire, Oakland, 31; T Martinez, New York, 30; Griffey Jr, Seattle, 30; T Thomas, Chicago, 26; Buhner, Seattle, 24; To Clark, Detroit, 23; J Gonzalez, Texas, 22.  
**STOLEN BASES** - BL Hunter, Detroit, 48; Nixon, Toronto, 39; Knoblauch, Minnesota, 37; T Gooden, Kansas City, 32; Vizquel, Cleveland, 23; Durham, Chicago, 20; A Rodriguez, Seattle, 18; Easley, Detroit, 18.  
**PITCHING (11 Decisions)** - R Johnson, Seattle, 12-2, .87, 2-22; Clemens, Toronto, 14-3, .824, 1-68; Moyer, Seattle, 9-2, .818, 4-52; Mussina, Baltimore, 10-3, .769, 3-44; Witt, Texas, 10-4, .714, 3-57; Vay, Baltimore, 12-5, .708, 2-57; Dickson, Anaheim, 9-4, .692, 3-37; DWells, New York, 9-4, .692, 3-74; Cone, New York, 9-4, .692, 3-48.  
**STRIKEOUTS** - R Johnson, Seattle, 18; Cone, New York, 17; Clemens, Toronto, 158; Mussina, Baltimore, 127; Appier, Kansas City, 116; Fassero, Seattle, 107; B McDonald, Milwaukee, 106; CFrines, Anaheim, 106.  
**SAVES** - Moberg, New York, 29; R Myers, Baltimore, 27; R Hernandez, Chicago, 23; D Jones, Milwaukee, 23; Wetteland, Texas, 19; Aguilera, Minnesota, 17; Taylor, Oakland, 16.

**Martins 5, Expos 4**  
Jim Eisenreich singled home the

**NATIONAL LEAGUE**  
**BATTING** - LWalker, Colorado, .411; Gwynn, San Diego, .402; Piazza, Los Angeles, .357; Joyner, San Diego, .345; Lofton, Atlanta, .344; Blausier, Atlanta, .344; Alfonso, New York, .329; Lankford, St. Louis, .328.  
**RUNNERS** - LWalker, Colorado, 87; Biggio, Houston, 80; Galarraga, Colorado, 68; EYoung, Colorado, 65; Gwynn, San Diego, 64; Bonds, San Francisco, 62; CJones, Atlanta, 61; Bagwell, Houston, 61; Olerud, New York, 61.  
**RBI** - Galarraga, Colorado, 90; Bagwell, Houston, 82; Gwynn, San Diego, 81; LWalker, Colorado, 78; CJones, Atlanta, 75; Kent, San Francisco, 68; Abou, Florida, 68-6.  
**HITS** - Gwynn, San Diego, 149; LWalker, Colorado, 138; Piazza, Los Angeles, 114; Biggio, Houston, 113; Galarraga, Colorado, 112; CJones, Atlanta, 108; EYoung, Colorado, 105.  
**HOME RUNS** - LWalker, Colorado, 26; Bagwell, Houston, 25; Galarraga, Colorado, 23; Castilla, Colorado, 22; Karros, Los Angeles, 21; Bonds, San Francisco, 21; Kent, San Francisco, 20; Lankford, St. Louis, 20; Hundley, New York, 20.  
**STOLEN BASES** - DSanders, Cincinnati, 44; Wornack, Pittsburgh, 33; DeShields, St. Louis, 32; EYoung, Colorado, 23; LWalker, Colorado, 22; McCracken, Colorado, 21; CGooden, Cincinnati, 21.  
**PITCHING (11 Decisions)** - Neagle, Atlanta, 12-2, .857, 3-44; Juden, Montreal, 11-2, .845, 3-75; Euse, San Francisco, 12-3, .800, 2-78; G Maddux, Atlanta, 12-3, .800, 2-44; Kile, Houston, 11-3, .786, 2-04; PJ Martinez, Montreal, 11-4, .738; 1-62; BJones, New York, 12-5, .708, 3-32.  
**STRIKEOUTS** - Schilling, Philadelphia, 116; PJ Martinez, Montreal, 163; Albenes, St. Louis, 142; Nomo, Los Angeles, 138; 108-6.  
**SAVES** - Moberg, New York, 125; Kile, Houston, 116; Stottmeier, St. Louis, 116.  
**SAVES** - Beck, SF, 29; Nen, Florida, 24; Jo Franco, New York, 23; Wohlers, Atlanta, 22; Tolwerson, Los Angeles, 22; Shaw, Cincinnati, 20; Cokerley, St. Louis, 20.

# Americans have historical edge at Troon

**By BRIAN CREIGHTON**

TRON, Scotland - If the last four British Opens played at Royal Troon are anything to go by, Americans will have an extra edge when the championship returns to the south west of Scotland course tomorrow.

Six past Opens have been played here. The first two were won by Englishman Arthur Havers and South African Bobby Locke.

But, since then, Americans have dominated with victories by Arnold Palmer in 1962, Tom Weiskopf in 1973, Tom Watson in 1982 and Mark Calavechchia in the memorable playoff against Australians Greg Norman and Wayne Grady in 1989.

The course opened in 1878 with only five holes and a discarded railway car as a clubhouse. But it was only another eight years before Troon had a full 18 holes and a proper clubhouse.

Troon underwent considerable development and improvement for many years before it staged the Open for the first time in 1923 and witnessed an interesting finish.

Then, American Walter Hagen was defending the title and stood level with Havers, an Englishman from the Coombe Hill club near London.

Playing ahead of Hagen, Havers bunkered his second shot at the last and seemed to have handed the title to the American again. But Havers, 25, holed his sand shot. Hagen found the same bunker but could not

match his rival's achievement, leaving Havers to take the title and receive £75 (\$127) for his efforts.

This year, by contrast, the champion will take home £250,000 (\$423,000).

After 1923, the Open did not return to Troon until 1950 during the era when the leading Americans stayed away.

In their absence, Locke, Welshman Dai Rees and Robert de Vicenzo of Argentina locked horns, Rees leading at the halfway point.

The three were deadlocked after 54 holes. In the final round de Vicenzo, playing ahead, birdied the 16th and 17th and his 70 set a new Open record of 281.

But it was not enough. With Rees falling away after a double bogey at the 10th, Locke

played the front nine in 33 and the back in 35 for a 68 and a winning aggregate of 279.

Palmer almost single-handedly resurrected the Open when he made his first visit in 1960, finishing second at St Andrews.

A year later he won at Royal Birkdale and in 1962 he successfully defended the title at Troon and set a record aggregate for the Open of 276.

In 1973, Weiskopf, three months after his father had died, led from start to finish to win by three as he matched Palmer's 276 total.

In 1982 Watson won the fourth of his five open titles which in 1978 became Royal Troon. He was the fifth and last man to win both the US and British Opens in the same year. (Reuters)

# ICC gives go-ahead for floodlights in Tests

LONDON (Reuters) - "Bad light stopped play" could soon become a phrase of the past with the go-ahead given on Monday for floodlights in Test cricket.

The International Cricket Council (ICC) announced after a meeting of Test captains and its cricket committee at the weekend that it would allow artificial lighting to be switched on so play could continue in poor light.

The other major decision taken was to allow umpires to call for a television replay, to be viewed by a third umpire, to decide whether or not a catch has been taken cleanly.

The floodlights rule will mean an end to frustrating hold-ups for

spectators when play is stopped because the light is between playable and unplayable.

ICC chief executive David Richardson said: "Providing both countries agree before a Test series, artificial lighting may be turned on in conditions of adverse natural light to assist play to continue within the normal hours of play.

"But the hours of play will not be altered to allow day-night Test cricket and the position will be reviewed at the June 1998 annual conference." The extension of the use of television replays, currently only in operation for run-outs and stumpings, should help to reduce the number of cases of

potential controversy over whether a fielder has taken a catch cleanly or not.

Richardson said: "If the umpire at the bowler's end is uncertain as to whether the ball carried he will follow the normal practice of consulting the square leg umpire.

"Only if both umpires are unable to make a decision, can a replay be sought using the normal TV replay signal. The third umpire will signify his decision by the red/green light system."

The ICC is also concerned about the volume of international cricket being played and Richardson said the issue would be raised with the various cricketing

boards as "a matter of priority."

He added: "The consensus is that each country should play no more than 10 to 12 Tests and 25 to 30 one-day internationals per annum.

"The program should ideally include an eight-week break to allow players to recharge mentally and overcome minor injuries.

"In 1996-97, 41 Tests and 101 one-day internationals were played. This matter will be discussed by the executive board at its December meeting." One regulation which will be unchanged is the number of short-pitched deliveries allowed in each over.

Richardson said: "The countries felt the experimental regulation

brought on February 1 of a maximum of two bouncers an over has been a success.

"It was confirmed as an on-going condition as regards to Test cricket."

Teams are also not to be punished in terms of slow over rates for bowling sides out cheaply in Tests or one-day internationals.

Richardson said: "Over rate fines will not be imposed if a side is dismissed in 50 overs or less in a Test match or 25 overs or less in a one-day international.

"This recognizes the difficulty of meeting the average of 15 overs per hour with only fast bowlers in operation through such short innings."

## Wembley Stadium's Twin Towers could be demolished

**LONDON (Reuters)** - Wembley Stadium's Twin Towers, one of the most famous landmarks in world sport, could be demolished when the stadium is re-built, according to a report in *The Mail on Sunday*.

The newspaper quotes from what it calls a secret document which considers knocking down the Twin Towers and relocating the pitch from its current east-west orientation to north-south.

Doing that would eradicate the mid-afternoon shadow that falls across the pitch and tends to affect television coverage of events like the FA Cup Final.

Plans to re-build Wembley, which dates from 1923 and is in need of modernizing have been known for some considerable time.

But it has been widely believed that the towers would either be taken down and rebuilt or remain where they stand with the remainder of the stadium being razed to the ground and rebuilt.

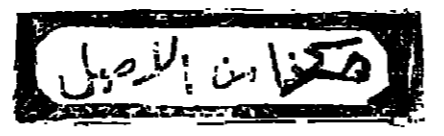
An extract from the document, published by *The Mail on Sunday*, reads in part: "The Twin Towers will need to be demolished or relocated. The feasibility and cost of moving the towers requires further detailed investigation and the views of English historians on relocation/demolition options require clarification." The Towers are listed as a Grade II protected building.

A spokeswoman for English Heritage said: "The stadium is listed Grade II. We broadly support development plans, provided they mean substantial demolition, but we would like to see the Twin Towers and the connecting block kept."

Work on re-developing Wembley which has staged the FA Cup Final since 1923 and was the venue for the 1948 Olympic Games, the 1966 World Cup Final and last year's Euro 96 Final, is due to begin in June 1999 and be completed by March 2002.

The new Wembley forms the centerpiece of England's bid to stage soccer's World Cup finals in 2006, but means that a proposed bid to host the 2001 World athletics championships has had to be postponed because the new stadium will not be ready in time.

*Sports Editors: Joseph Holtzman and Oni Lewis*







Spirits are high as first-time air travellers prepare for takeoff.

(Ilan Ossendryver/Israel Sun)

# Swiss Air promo gives children a special lift

By JONATHAN TEPPERMAN

Few adults get excited any more at the thought of boarding a plane.

The same cannot be said, however, for the young passengers of Swiss Air flight 2050, who spent an hour yesterday touring Israel's airspace.

As part of a promotion to celebrate its 50th year of operation here, Swiss Air treated 180 disadvantaged children to a free trip around the country.

Waiting for the jet to take off, 15-year-old Dina Dan admitted that she was nervous to be flying

for the first time. But she was sure she'd like it. "I want to try parachuting next," she said.

Leaving from Ben-Gurion Airport, the plane first flew east, circled Jerusalem, cut south across the Negev to Masada, and then headed north for a brief jaunt around the Galilee before returning to Lod.

As the tires touched down after 50 minutes in the air, those on board clapped, whistled and cheered.

The passengers ranged in age from 10 to 16, and included new immigrants, cancer patients from Schneider Hospital, and

underprivileged children from all over the country. There were Arabs and Jews, Ethiopians, Sephardim and Ashkenazim. Most had never seen the inside of a plane before.

"This is pretty cool," said Ayal Beer, summing up the mood. "Everything looks different from up here."

Clutching his camera, the 13-year-old Beer declared that, while he'd traveled all over Israel on the ground, this was completely new for him. He looked out the window and said he was glad he'd had the chance to see it.

# Katyusha falls in western Galilee

## No injuries or damage as rocket lands in field

By DAVID RUDGE

Tension remained high along the northern border yesterday after at least one Katyusha fell in western Galilee and two residents of the security zone were wounded.

Hizbullah said the rocket attacks, directed at IDF positions along the border, were in response to what it described as Israel's recent breaches of the Grapes of Wrath understandings.

This followed exchanges on Monday in which a woman and her son were killed and the woman's daughter was wounded by IDF or South Lebanese Army shelling while they were working in fields near Bertu village, east of Sidon.

The monitoring committee established to supervise the understandings that ended last April's cross-border fighting is to convene at UNIFIL's headquarters in Nakoura today to discuss complaints by Lebanon and Israel over recent infringements.

Yesterday's rocket attack was the third by Hizbullah on IDF positions along Israel's northern border in the past two weeks.

On the previous two occasions, at least one rocket and one

mortar fell inside Israeli territory.

In the incident yesterday, a single rocket exploded in open fields not far from a farming community.

"I heard a number of booms about 150 meters away," said David, a farmer in the area.

"The children were away and only my wife and I were home when the blasts occurred. They were close, but far enough away not to cause any damage," he said.

Although it was the second time in just over a week that rockets or mortars had fallen near his community, David said the situation was calm.

"From the military aspect there might be an increase in tension, but we on the civilian side are not feeling it, at least for the time being," he said.

Hizbullah leaders had warned that the organization would respond with Katyushas in the event of any more civilian casualties as a result of IDF or SLA shelling.

The warnings followed incidents last week in which a 70-year-old farmer, who is a resident of the security zone, was accidentally killed by Israeli tank fire.

On another occasion, homes

were damaged in villages north of the zone.

One of the IDF's problems is Hizbullah's use of villages north of the zone as cover for its mortar and anti-tank missile crews, in breach of the understandings reached last April.

The IDF maintains that it is merely acting in self defense by directing its fire at the source of the Hizbullah attacks.

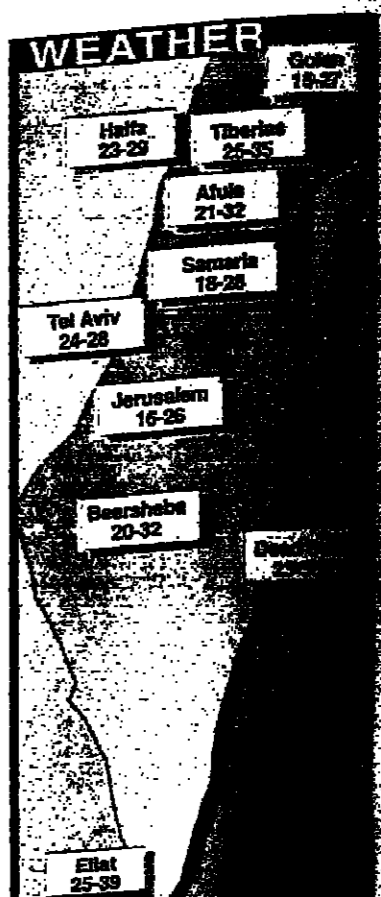
Military sources stressed yesterday that the IDF is doing everything possible to avoid harming civilians, while Hizbullah continues to violate the understandings.

During the exchanges yesterday, Hizbullah rockets and anti-tank missiles hit Demuchkiyeh village, northwest of Marjayoun, inside the security zone.

Two local residents were lightly wounded and property was damaged as a result of the Hizbullah fire.

The fighting died down later in the afternoon, to be replaced by a tense quiet.

Lebanese observers said it appeared likely that Hizbullah would wait for the outcome of the monitoring group's deliberations before deciding on any further action, although the situation was described as "very fragile."



Forecast: Partly cloudy in the north. Clear in the south.

### AROUND THE WORLD

	LOW	HIGH	WIND	PRECIP
Amsterdam	14	27	23	75
Berlin	18	24	16	91
Buenos Aires	06	23	16	91
Cairo	23	32	18	91
Chicago	14	27	23	75
Copenhagen	14	27	23	75
Frankfurt	16	25	27	72
Geneva	16	25	27	72
Helsinki	08	16	16	91
Hong Kong	21	31	19	96
London	16	25	27	72
Los Angeles	17	27	27	72
Madrid	17	27	27	72
Moscow	17	27	27	72
New York	17	27	27	72
Nice	19	29	29	79
Paris	16	25	27	72
Rome	16	25	27	72
Stockholm	09	16	16	91
Sydney	23	32	18	91
Toronto	23	32	18	91
Vancouver	23	32	18	91
Zurich	15	28	21	70

# Haim Yavin moves to Channel 2

By HELEN KAYE

Veteran Channel 1 *Mabat* night news anchor Haim Yavin is moving to Keshet, a Channel 2 franchise which he will be the creative force behind, and is to present a 60 Minutes-style weekly news magazine. He starts there September 1 and the new program is due to air at the end of December.

Professional fulfillment - not money - is behind the move. Yavin said at his press conference yesterday, pointing out, "I could safely have stayed in my present slot as *Mabat* anchor, but I preferred the challenge of creating a new magazine program. I consider that I have realized all my potential as a TV news journalist. I still see myself as a creative journalist and it's time to choose a new road."

He said that the decision to leave Channel 1 was extremely difficult and that he has parted on "exceedingly good terms with my old friend and colleague Motti



Haim Yavin (Ilan Ossendryver/Israel Sun)

Kirschenbaum. I believe in the future of public broadcasting. It's necessary and essential, but that doesn't mean I have to stay there."

Yavin, who won the Israel Prize this year for his contribution to broadcast journalism, was one of the founding members of ITV in

1968 and has been its chief news anchor since then.

He also has made 65 full-length documentary films, all the result of hard-hitting investigative journalism. The most recent was a four part series called *The Third Israel* depicting the plight and problems of foreign workers here.

The die was cast when Channel 1 told him that it no longer had the budget to fund his investigative documentary film-making, he said. Yavin expects that his new program will go in that direction.

Keshet general manager Uri Shinar said that hiring Yavin, "a man any TV station in the world would be proud to acknowledge," was a watershed for Keshet.

He added that in his move from public to private TV the veteran broadcaster "will have complete editorial freedom. The Keshet stockholders have never interfered in programming and never will."

*Mabat* producer Rafik Halaby said yesterday that Yavin and the program were parting as friends.

# Winning cards and numbers

In last night's lottery, the winning numbers were 7, 30, 37, 44, 47 and 48. The additional number was 34.

The winning cards in yesterday's first Chance draw were the ten of spades, king of hearts, eight of diamonds and seven of clubs. The results of the second draw were the jack of spades, eight of hearts, queen of diamonds and eight of clubs.

# Motivation for reserve duty up - IDF

By LIAT COLLINS

Changes in reserve duty are proving effective in boosting motivation to serve.

A day after Labor whip Ra'anan Cohen outlined his bill to ease the burden on reservists, the head of the IDF Manpower Division, Maj.-Gen. Gideon Sheffer, and deputy head of the Operations Branch, Maj.-Gen. Gabi Ashkenazi, yesterday briefed the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee on what has been done over the past year.

Ashkenazi headed a committee that was set up because it was felt that motivation to serve has been dropping, the burden of reserve duty has not been equally distributed, and reservists are not sufficiently prepared for their service.

Several improvements have already been made in view of the committee's findings.

These include the appointment of liaison officers from among the permanent forces rather than regular soldiers; better training before operational activities; improved equipment; better infrastructure in bases and outposts; an attempt to ensure that soldiers are used in areas for which they have been trained; the use of regular soldiers as drivers; and a decision to call up brigades as one unit rather than splitting them up.

The result, according to the briefing, has been a rise in the number of reserve soldiers willing to serve; a drop in the average length of service from 21 days to 14; a 5 percent drop in the number asking to get out of reserve duty on health grounds; a 25 percent drop in those seeking to dodge service for economic reasons; and a 9 percent drop in the number of those absent without leave.

The Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defense Committee is continuing to discuss ways of compensating reserve soldiers, including income tax reductions and education grants.

# Bezeq strike enters third day

By JUDY SIEGEL

The strike by Bezeq workers enters its third day today. They are protesting the government's failure to inform them that Merrill-Lynch had purchased 12.5 percent of the company's shares. All repair, installation and information services have been shut down, and Bezeq public-reception offices are closed.

Bezeq workers' union chairman Shlomo Kfir appeared before the Knesset Finance Committee yesterday and declared that he and his fellow workers "have completely lost faith" in all promises made by government and company representatives. "We don't believe anyone anymore," said Kfir.

The union's conditions for ending the strike include cancellation of the Merrill-Lynch deal, the use of the money from the deal to establish a fund for workers receiving early pensions, or state guarantees to the same effect. Kfir said that with 24 percent of Bezeq already in private hands and 12.5 percent more going to Merrill-Lynch, only 12.5 percent remains before state ownership of the company reaches the 51 percent minimum set by the government. This, he notes, does not leave much leeway for the workers, who also want to purchase stock.

Kfir claimed that the stock sale "does not reflect the company's commitment to ensuring the pension and compensation rights of workers."

Bezeq director-general Ami Erel said he also had not known about the Merrill-Lynch deal in advance. Nevertheless, he did not justify the strike, and called on staffers to return to work.

The official Car Rental Company of the 15<sup>th</sup> Maccabiah expresses their sorrow regarding the disaster that occurred on the 15<sup>th</sup> Maccabiah opening ceremony, and offers their heart-felt condolences to the bereaved families and the delegations, the Maccabiah organizing committee & Executive Maccabi World Union.

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